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# **Myth America II: The Twenty Greatest Myths of the Robber Class and the Case for Revolution**

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"Myth America: 10 Greatest Myths of the Robber Class and the Case for Revolution places Sheehan firmly in the pantheon of progressive heroes."

**– Bob Fitrakis in the The Free Press**

"Cindy is not just a grieving mother. She's a grieving mother who feels betrayed, is mad as hell, is uncorrupted by money, power, or party, would rather die than censor her statements, and gets straight to the heart of a question faster than anyone else I know."

**– David Swanson, After Downing Street Coalition**



## Dedication

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Myth America II:

# Introduction

“There’s class warfare, all right, but it’s my class, the rich class, that’s making war, and we’re winning.”

– **Warren Buffet**

“I call you my base: the Haves and the Have Mores.”

– **George W. Bush**

“I can hire one half of the working (Robbed) class to kill the other half.”

– **Early Robber, Jay Gould**

“The rich man is unjust, or the heir of an unjust one.”

– **St. Jerome**

“We’re all in this together,” President Barack Obama.

No we are not, that's the point of this book.

Recently, President Obama basically said that we should not demonize every investor who earns a profit, because "we are all in this together." Sorry, but I am going to have to call a big fat "bull-pucky" on this one.

When Obama said "we" did he have a mouse in his pocket? Obama, and his family have a very opulent, slave-built roof over their heads. He travels on the public nickel, his children attend an exclusive Washington, DC private school that has organic food on its menu, and the Obamas admittedly have health-care that covers everyone in his



family from head-to-toe and side-to-side and inside out. Once when Obama was speaking about healthcare reform, he said that he didn't need it, because he and his family already have great insurance – no lie, I want their coverage!

Every member of each of the three branches of our government certainly are not hurting for anything, but the bastard (sorry if your parents weren't married when you were conceived) Wall Street banksters are receiving billions of dollars of government welfare and are not so good about being "in this together" with us.

The only concrete step the Treasury and Fed has taken to remediate this depression is to buy "toxic" assets (if something is toxic, can it still be an asset?) so companies like Goldman Sachs (via AIG) can have the public tit rescue them from their stupider-than-crap mistakes.

As a matter of fact, since I wrote Myth I, it has been announced that Robber Class Company, Goldman Sachs has increased its 2009 bonus pool from \$11 billion in 2008 to \$23 billion! Obscene!

WE the ROBBED Class are in this together. THEY the ROBBER Class are in it for themselves. How many times does Obama have to demonstrate that his economic recovery is nothing but Reaganomics wrapped in a little bit of populist rhetoric to make it easier for the mis-informed Robbed Class to swallow, before we get the hint?

If anything transpires to alleviate the suffering in our Class at all, it will be because some of the prosperity mistakenly leaked through the cracks in the deeply cancerous system and trickled ON to us. Rest assured, this is just a mistake and the only time the Robber Class cares about us is when the interests of the two classes collide.

I will feel like I am "in this" with the Obamas when I have a free house, free health care and if my children will not have to go into lifelong debt, or join the US military, to pay for university.

I wonder if the wall-to-wall homeless population (it's growing at an alarming rate) here in San Francisco feels "in this together" with the Wall Street Robbers?

I wonder if the people standing waiting for hours in municipal Emergency Rooms waiting to get some, any, medical attention feel "in this together" with Congress which

has 110% medical coverage?

I wonder if the foot soldiers for the Empire feel “in this together” with the War Profiteer Robbers who stay safe in their boardrooms while our children suffer unspeakable horrors at their indiscretions.

I wonder if the victims of the drug wars and street wars feel “in this together” with the children of the Robbers who ride to their schools in limos with bodyguards?

I wonder if our brothers and sisters living in tent cities with their children feel “in this together” with the Pelosis and Feinsteins of the world who live in their obscenely huge mansions in exclusive neighborhoods and fly back and forth from DC in private jets that suck down fossil fuel at an immoral rate?

I wonder if our brothers and sisters who just cashed a final unemployment check feels "in this together" with the Robbers who just cashed millions in bonuses?

I, myself, feel "in this together" with the homeless, hungry, sick, jobless, struggling, stressed, frightened, confused, yet resilient, brave and strong members of our Class—Robbed, but waking up!

WE are in this together. WE need to step outside of the Robber Class systems and start to build our own systems to help each other through this Robber Class/Goldman Sachs/Federal Reserve depression.

This is the Second Edition of *Myth America*.

The First Edition came out about ten months ago and I have been touring the country with it since the middle of April. I have been to over four-dozen cities and have spoken to thousands of people in small intimate settings to hundreds at a time.

The impetus for the First Edition came out of frustration and fear. I was frustrated that for the last eight years, at least, one-half of this country loved, loved, loved to hate George Bush. Don't say you didn't, because I won't believe you. While one-half of this country hated George, the other half-mildly liked him, or were totally in love with him.

Well, lo and behold, come November 2008, The Empire changed hands in yet another peaceful coup by the Robber Class and a new and improved Emperor took the reins of the Empire and the half of the nation that hated George suddenly believed in a system again that is, and has always been, deeply diseased.

Not only was I frustrated, but I was also (not for the first time) deeply fearful for this country. I feared that the Empire is allowed to merrily roll on because so many people want to believe in Goldman Sachs Candidate A, or B – our fellow Americans want to have faith in a feckless system and that's what keeps us chained to it.

I was tossing and turning in bed one night wondering why smart people allow themselves to be “Hope”notized every four to eight years, and I came to the conclusion that it was because we are force-fed myths our entire lives: that the Reality of America is so far away from the Myth of America that it is hard to reconcile truth from fiction.

So I wrote *Myth America: Ten Greatest Myths of the Robber Class and the Case for Revolution* and I hit the road to promote it and stir up some debate and some motivation for my non-violent Revolution that undermines the Robber Class systems without challenging it in a full-frontal attack that would be sure to be repelled, ignored or demonized by the Robber Class – probably violently as in so many cases throughout American History.

Along the way, I learned so much from the people I interacted with at the Q and A sessions to sessions over beer or coffee, and I realized that I had only stuck my toe in the water of the stinking Robber Class (and so much has happened in the seven months of the Robber Obama administration) that I had to take time off to regroup and expand *Myth America* by jumping fully in the water and totally immersing myself in the subject.

I hear people using “Robber Class” all the time now and it is gratifying to know that we are making progress in challenging the system and not just the figureheads of the system.

Electing Obama and thinking that things are fixed now, or will be fixed soon, is like slapping a coat of paint on a dilapidated house and not fixing the structure, the rotting floors, or leaky roof and saying that it is now a sound edifice.

Since this country was founded, it has been governed or controlled by the Robber Class. Some people call them our “Lords,” the “Ruling Class,” the “Oligarchy,” the “Kleptocracy,” or even a “Plutocracy.” Some call our system a “Democratic Tyranny.” Or if you are a member of the Robber Class or Blinded Robbed Class, you call it a “Democracy,” or “Republic.” I have been challenged to call the Robber Class: the “Ruling Class” by some communists along the way, but I refuse to legitimize a class that claims some kind of illegitimate birthright to “rule” when all this Bastard Class wants to do is profit.

Let me define the terms Robber Class and Robbed Class for the purposes of this Internet Booklet: The Robber Class consists of the Wealthy Ones (not all wealthy people are robbers!) of our society who have earned this wealth off the hard labor of others—not by doing an honest days work or being fair and just with their talents or employees, but by stealing the fruits of our labor through outright theft or economic or violent exploitation.

Almost everyone who is in one of the Three Branches (that are continually being usurped into one powerful Executive Branch) of our government, AND most all who call “Finance” their business belongs in the Robber Class. Most definitely the Captains of the War Machine have top spots in the Robber Class—they even rob lives from us to gain their wealth! One significant arm of the Robber Class is the Propaganda Media, which the Robber Class relies on to keep the Robbed Class either ignorant or distracted by the shiny keys of celebrity deaths or scandal. The Mediatocracy can either confer or repeal “celebrity” status when expedience dictates.

Now, the rest of us (more or less) belong in the Robbed Class. We are the ones who send our children to die in the Robber Class Wars. We are the ones who lose our jobs and homes when the economic plans of the Robber Class go awry. Our children join the military for educational purposes because, for We in the Robbed Class, education is not a Right—it is prohibitively expensive and only a Privilege to the children of the Robber Class.

You know who you are! If you have ever had to choose between medicine for a child or paying a bill, you belong in the Robbed Class. If you’ve ever born the ire of an employer because you’ve had to miss work because a child was ill, not because Nanny had the day off, then you are in the Robbed Class.

If you are living paycheck to skimpy paycheck, while Wall Street Billionaires are getting more of your hard earned money to pay for their mistakes (get it? you are getting Robbed by the Robber Classes in the government to bailout the Robbers in the banks), then you are part of the Robbed Class.

AIG, a Robber Class company, has been deemed “too big to fail” by a Congress whose members have been the recipients of AIG lobbying largesse to the tune of \$9.7 million dollars last year alone. Many influential Congresspersons even own, or owned, stock in AIG, such as Senator John Kerry and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Is it any wonder that so far, the Federal Reserve has bailed out AIG to the tune of about \$180 billion dollars?

Those same AIG executives who ran their company into the ground and are responsible for many failing mortgages, are now receiving bonuses with the Federal bailout money! This is a Robber Class obscenity while numerous members of our class are losing their homes and jobs. Robbers rarely pay any penalty for their crimes! (Unless you fleece members of your own class as did Bernie Madoff—phew, talk about swift justice! The speed of his trial made my head spin!)

If you have to work (if you are lucky enough to have a job) many hours to pay Robber Baron, Uncle Sam, and get few benefits, then you are a Robbed One.

There is absolutely no shame at all in finding oneself mired in the Robbed Class. The only shame is participating with the Robber Class in harming yourself.

They are winning, my friend, only because We in the Robbed Class are co-conspirators in the Crimes of the Robber Class. At the very least, we are co-dependent.

The Robber Class loves to divide us along arbitrary lines: Male/Female; Republican/Democrat; White/Black/Brown; Protestant/Catholic/Jew/Muslim; Gay/Straight; or North/South, but these divisions are malleable, even our skin color can be changed a la Sammy Sosa! But seriously, skin color is only a surface issue; inside we are all the same!

The Robber Class knows that there really exists only one division in the world, and it is a class chasm: Robber Class and Robbed Class. We in the Robbed Class have way more in common with each other than that, which separates us.

It's time to break the sick relationship that we have with the Robber Class and do something about it! They can only rob us, if we allow them to.

We the Many of the Robbed Class do have a sick-symbiotic relationship with They the Few who make up the Robber Class. It doesn't have to be that way if we organize to break free of this co-dependant relationship.

The Robber Class needs us way more than we need them and they know it, so they will use all of the tools at their disposal: the media, the military, the banking system, education and patriotic vitriol to keep the Robbed Class cowering, complacently obedient, but most of all, conveniently ignorant.

I am a member and now a warrior for the Robbed Class after having spent most of my life wanting to believe the Robber Class Myths.

My jolt of reality came on April 4, 2004, when my son, Casey, was killed in the Robber Class occupation of Iraq. After I fell to the floor screaming Casey's name in agony, I got up and began by gradual awakening to the truth, but an even more rapid rejection of the myths.

It will take nothing less than a Revolution to knock these scoundrels off of their perches and take back what belongs to us: the resources and wealth of this nation.

We can do it—read this Internet book to find out why we need to and how we can accomplish the boldest People's Revolution ever!

*Myth America* I was a short Pamphlet that was not designed to be comprehensive in scope, but a primer to the Myths. This Second Edition is far more comprehensive, educational and, I hope, inspirational than the first.

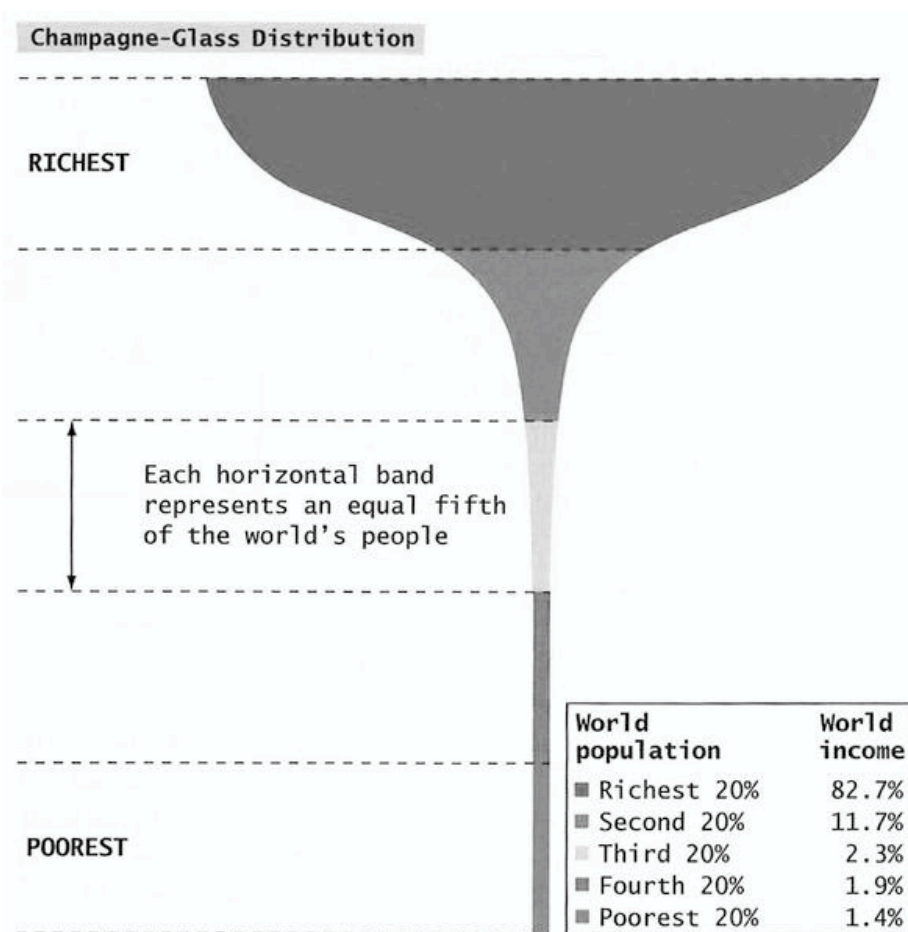
As an Internet Booklet it is also designed to be a tool to organize grass-roots community around the solutions to the Robber Class.

I want it to be added to and amended and spread around so we can begin the National conversations that needed to start many years ago. But even though time is growing short, it is still not too late to remake Capitalism's Scarcity into Humanism's Plenty.

I also call on you to keep something in the back of your mind as you read my manifesto:

The higher up you are on the economic food chain, the closer the Myth and Reality of America are. If you're a "one-percenter" (1% of this nation owns most of the wealth), the Myth is a reality—the lower you are positioned on the ladder, however, the wider the disparity.

This book will be experienced in different ways by different people. I think your experience will be a meaningful one.



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## Myth Number One:

# The United States of America: Greatest Nation in the Universe!

If the white man wants to live in peace with the Indian,  
he can live in peace...

Treat all men alike. Give them all the same law. Give them all an  
even chance to live and grow. All men were made by the same  
Great Spirit Chief. They are all brothers. The Earth is the mother  
of all people, and all people should have equal rights upon it....

Let me be a free man, free to travel, free to stop, free to work, free  
to trade where I choose my own teachers, free to follow the religion  
of my fathers free to think and talk and act for myself, and I will  
obey every law, or submit to the penalty.

– **Heinmot Tooyalaket ( Chief Joseph), Nez Perces Leader**

“We didn’t land on Plymouth Rock, it landed on us!”

– **Malcolm X**

The Myth that kicks off the Second Edition of *Myth America* is the foundational myth of our entire American existence. The Robber Class Myth that America is the Greatest Nation in the Universe profoundly seeps into our collective consciousness until it has become a given and hardly, if ever, questioned—especially not in a public forum. To do so is tantamount to political and social suicide—yet I continue.

Our families, our schools, the toady media and our elected officials with patriotic pageantry, above all, hammer this myth, into us. The never-ending stain of war and state-sanctioned violence where the USA is always the good guy (when it is most often



the big bully) reinforces this myth to us on an almost daily basis. Later I will discuss how if the USA kills someone, anyone, everyone, then that person, or persons, must have needed killing and this Myth allows us to allow our leaders such free reign when it comes to death and destruction for Robber Class profit.

I could have titled this chapter America: Greatest Nation on the Face of the Earth; or America: Greatest Nation in History, but I chose to use the hyperbole of America being the greatest nation in the Universe to illustrate a point.

Let's imagine that there is a planet very similar to Earth in the next solar system over. Let's also imagine that this planet is comprised of nation states, as our Earth seems to be presently. We, as inhabitants of America don't need to know ANYTHING about this other planet or the nations that make it up. We will cheerfully, in our American ignorance and arrogance, take on the "greatest" nation on Planet X and automatically declare that we are "better" than it.

WE do not need to know anything about the other nations' cultures, religions (or lack thereof), social structures, economies or histories. All of that information is irrelevant and extraneous to we egotistically comfortable Americans.

I still receive emails from people who say that we "liberated" the Iraqi women with our invasion and occupation—events that have actually killed many women and children who were already decimated by years of the US/UN-led sanctions against the country during the "fabulous" Clinton years.

When I fruitlessly point out to these people that the women of Iraq were highly educated before US tampering, and had highly professional jobs, the response is often: "How do you know?"

Well, I have met these women all over the world: doctors, pharmacists, engineers, university professors and politicians. It seems that info from Fox News trumps experiential learning and I am always treated with skepticism when I dare to question the paradigms of these "Sophisticated" Americans.

Most Americans don't know anything about the two countries that exist to our immediate North and South (Myth: Canada has horrible health care. Myth: All Mexicans want to leave their homes and migrate North, not that they are forced to by

the Robber Class “free” trade agreements), why would we want to learn anything about people living in another solar system, for cripes’ sake!

“We will not apologize for our way of life...”

– **Barack Obama (in his Inaugural Address)**

I find it ironic that our first partially black president is living in a monstrosity of a house (that could easily house dozens of our homeless brothers and sisters) that was built with slave labor.

Barack Obama is no descendant of slaves, to be sure, but as an African-American, it seems that he should be haunted by the sounds of whips cracking across the back of a too-slow slave or with the images of children being violently torn from their mothers to be sold “down the river.” The election of a black member (or tool) of the Robber Class does nothing to fulfill the dreams of the slaves who built the White House or the sacrifices of the civil rights’ activists throughout our history: from William Sloane Coffin and Harriet Tubman down to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks.

Larry Pinkney, a former Black Panther and editor of the Black Commentator, rightly points out in his articles that Barack Obama was no “Community Organizer.” Larry says Community Organizers struggle and sacrifice for the community and Obama organized one poorly attended event and “struggled” as the son of a Kenyan economist (who also attended Harvard). But I digress, back to the slavery issue.

This country has some ponderous Karmic debt to re-pay. So heavy and so habitually recurring that I doubt that recompense will ever fully be realized, but it assuredly will never be repaid if the nation continues in its greedy orgy of war and economic plunder.

This country was literally built with the blood, sweat, tears and exploitation of forced black slavery.

The land was stolen from our indigenous populations that were either violently dispossessed of their lands or killed (the ones who didn’t die of white men’s diseases). So we have a country where an indigenous population was almost genocided to extinction and an entire ex-slave class to boot.

Many of our Founding Fathers owned slaves and, even though slavery was eventually outlawed after hundreds of thousands of people were unnecessarily killed (most other “civilized” nations voluntarily ended the evil institution without a blood bath) in the un-Civil War, we Americans in the Robbed Class remain, as Thoreau put it, “Wage Slaves,” to the Robber Class!

In the Founding Document of this “Great” Nation, only white, male property owners were allowed suffrage and blacks were counted as 3/5ths a person for purposes of white representation only.

Women were completely left out of the Constitution, as the Bill of Rights did not extend to cover our rights, only the rights of the White Male Property Owners (WaMPOs). Universal suffrage did not come to this “civilized” nation until the second, almost third, decade of the 20th Century! My people (women) have not even had the right to vote for 100 years yet and black suffrage has still not been fully realized.

Truthfully (and we will get into this further in the chapter on the Myth of free elections), we still do not have universal suffrage and the rights we do have were only gained by much toil and sacrifice on the part of women and people of color who were joined by many enlightened men of the Robbed Class.

The Robber Class has now been joined by some token women and people of color, but the WaMPOs do not like to give up even one iota of power without a vicious fight as witnessed in the Female Suffrage Movement; Anti-slavery Movement; Labor Union Movement; and Civil Rights’ Movement.

The USA was born in a hot meeting hall in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776. The WaMPOs signed the Declaration of Independence, declaring their (you guessed it) independence, from Great Britain: THE EMPIRE of its day. So, we had another bloody war, because the WaMPOs of Great Britain were not going to give up power easily, or without a bloody war, to the upstart WaMPOs in the American Colonies—there was still a lot of Wampum for the English WaMPOs to collect from the colonists. It was about the East India Trading Company, after all! The East India Trading Company was a forerunner and model for Halliburton, GE and Boeing: —all egregious Robber Class war and suffering profiteers.

Any nation born in violence will rule in violence and it didn’t take long for the US of

A to become a bloody empire in its own right!

Sometimes we did the sane thing and purchased vast amounts of land, such as the bargain of the Louisiana Purchase made during Jefferson's presidency and the purchase of Alaska, which was and is known as "Seward's Folly," but most of the time the USA killed to get more land. Even when we purchased the land, many of the original occupants had to be forcibly removed to reservations, or killed if they resisted becoming refugees in their own land.

The Manifest Destiny of the USA was to spread our way of life from "sea to shining sea." Many Mexicans and Native Americans were killed to attain that "god-given" Manifest Destiny (do you think George invented religious exploitation?) Capitalism always needs new markets to not only expand, but to survive, so "from sea to shining sea" by necessity quickly expanded to Cuba, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, etc, etc!

In today's world the Robber Class goal of Empire is oil and the ravenous Robber Class greed-mongers won't stop until our "way of life" has been forcefully, if necessary, exported around the circumference of the globe, or until every drop of that black-liquid drug is drained from this wrung out planet. The Robber Class loves to use force, so that is the preferable way to them. After all, oil can be purchased, but if, say a country like Iran decides to only accept Euros for payment, then...? (Use your own imagination to fill in the blank)?

We in the US of A have less than 5% of the world's population, yet we wastefully consume from 25%-40% of the world's resources, but we don't have to apologize for being gluttonous pigs who murder innocent people for these resources?

God forbid in the Exceptionalism of Empire that we should utter those sniveling Robbed Class words of "We're sorry!" If we are "sorry" for Empire, then we may have to give it up—and that would be disastrous for no one except the Robber Class.

George Bush, being a fine example of Robber Class in-breeding, was fond of saying in the run-up to his War OF Terror, that people or other nations were either "for us, or agin' us." Well, Robbed Classes, we are AGIN' the Robber Class and their oppressions and thievery! That's a no brainer!

The Robber Class is our enemy, not the Iraqis, Afghans, Pakistanis, Gazans or Venezuelans or whomever (we have always been at war with Eurasia, er, Eastasia)—let’s wake up and smell the free-trade coffee and internalize this message before we go on to the next chapters.

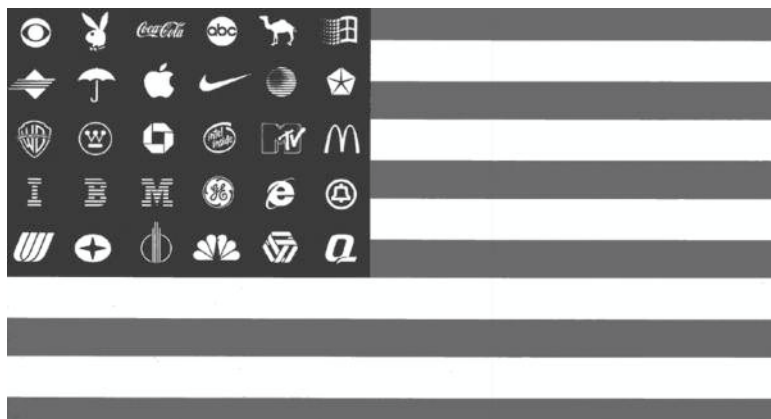
I do agree with President Obama on this one though: we should not “apologize” for our way of life—WE SHOULD CHANGE IT and *Myth America* tells us how to begin to do this!

In conclusion: America is not only NOT the greatest nation in the universe, it’s not even the greatest nation on the planet, or in history.

The Robbed Class is made up of mostly good-hearted, hard-working people, but members of the Robber Class are reckless, feckless, greedy, violent and evil.

### **Cindy’s Pledge for the Robbed Class**

*I pledge allegiance (my money, my life, my lands, my health and welfare) to the Flag (the Robber Class) of the United States of America, and to the Republic (tyranny of the few) for which it stands (robs); One Nation (One Central Bank), under God (under surveillance and oppression) indivisible (unless you are a member of the Robbed class), with liberty (slavery) and justice (three strikes, you’re out) for all (a few).*



## Myth Number Two:

# One Person Cannot Make a Difference

"You will work for awhile, you will be caught, you will confess,  
and then you will die... There is no possibility that any perceptible  
change will happen within our own lifetime. We are the dead."

—George Orwell (From the novel *1984*)

"There is no try, only do or do not."

—Yoda

This is one of the more tricky Myths to expose, but not dispel.

There is no one on the right, left, or in between that is telling us that it's impossible for one person to affect change—in fact, the propaganda is the opposite.

But we are told from the Robber Class that true and relevant change happens in the ballot booth—that our part in “changing” things is making sure that we make phone calls, donate money, knock on doors and vote for the Candidate of the Party of our Choice. If we do that, win or lose, we have done our part.

I will dispel the Myth that elections matter in a later chapter, but to give the impression that our only part in “change” is through the ballot box is devious in so many ways.

I have already talked about how short our memories are in America. We have been called the United States of Amnesia. Not only do we forget every generation that wars are horrible and for profit, but we seem to forget every four to eight years that our votes really do not matter.

So, forgetting how much Obama has disappointed so many people, if we choose to actively “remember” how every politician disappoints, we wouldn’t get so crushed, we would allow ourselves the perverse and unwarranted excitement of electoral politics.

For example, take my very own case for example. When I “burst” on the scene (after about 14 months of very intense work and activism), some tried to make me over as a “shill” a “tool” a “fraud” or “bad mother.” These insults were all designed to undermine my message, by undermining me.

On the other hand, people on the other side wanted to elevate me to “icon” status. The “face” of the anti-war movement; international peace superstar; Rosa Parks; all positions that were equally limiting spots to be put in.

The basic philosophy of both positions is: How can a “mere” mother from Vacaville (where the hell’s Vacaville?), CA command such a presence of mind and action under the grueling heat of Texas and the constant media scrutiny? I must have either been a villain or a saint. We ordinary humans can’t accomplish anything even remotely close to what I did without an army of media gurus, advisers, or support staff behind them.

That’s the fantasy; here’s the reality:

On August 3, 2005, I decided to go confront George Bush on his vacation in Crawford, TX. I made up my stubborn mind to go and try and ask him a simple question: “What Noble Cause” did my son die for?

I was there on August 6, with six other people, a few lawn chairs, one flashlight and a five-gallon paint bucket to pee in—and an ice chest filled with water so we wouldn’t dry up and blow away in the constant heat (have I mentioned it was hot that summer?) Whoever came later, came later. There were no think tanks, advisers, or large support staff that planned, or carried out the initial action.

What if I had remained in my air-conditioned Vacaville home paralyzed with fear and anxiety over being just one person? Or, what if I had put my energy into the next election? First of all, my fear of anything ended the day the Robber Class killed my son in Iraq and, secondly, we have had two elections since Camp Casey in the summer of 2005 that elected more Democrats with ZERO positive change in any direction.



I never envisioned or even imagined that my single idea, made singly by one single person sitting by myself in my Vacaville living room would have such an impact. We never know when one single act or person will grow to large actions, sometimes we never do know because individuals remain paralyzed out of fear that they don't have any power, or out of fear of their own power.

Apparently, here in the United States of Amnesia (thanks to my friend, Gore Vidal), nothing of any relevance happens unless the corporate media covers it fully, frantically, and fanatically. That's why my protest attained Mythic proportions: the Media Industrial Complex showed it, so it must have had value.

An infinite number of good deeds by nameless heroes go unreported every day, so they must not happen! People's lives are transformed by helping and being helped every day, but we are ashamed into feeling that our kind or heroic deeds have little or no value, because some plastic head on CNN/MSNBC/FOX isn't incessantly blathering about it 24/7.

So why should we even try, if our actions "don't matter?"

What is the use if we are not already superstars (like Bono, Bill Gates or Princess Diana) or if we are not immediately transformed into a cause célèbre, like Cindy Sheehan or Joe the Plumber?

As in the quote from 1984, there is also such a surrender to the Robber Class systems, as being too big, too powerful, too insidious that we shouldn't even try to make a dent in the mess, because it's like trying to sweep the seashore clean of sand—we will do a lot of unnecessary labor and be rewarded with even more of a mess than when we started.

We may as well save ourselves the trouble and not even try! What's the use, right? We are just "tilting at windmills," throwing "good after bad." Life has a way of sucking and we all have a way of dying so, all "ye, who enter here" may just as well "abandon all hope" because not one of us is going to get out of this life alive. All of this sloganeering is to prevent us from believing in the basic fact that there is not one person dead or alive ever, who has not made an impact on this planet and our history.



We may never know what impact we have made, but you already know what impact your parents made: they had you—among other things.

We know what impact George Bush and Casey Sheehan had on the world—we know what impact Marie Currie and Marie Antoinette had on the world. What or who inspired these people for good or bad? For miracles or evil? What or who inspired the people who inspired the people?

Another guarantee about this life, besides no one gets out alive, is that no one gets out without making some kind of impact.

Will yours be positive? The only way we will ever know is to actually get off of our butts and try!

Besides my son Casey being my inspiration for action, a poem that my daughter and Casey's sister, Carly, wrote, also had a profound impact on me. When she wrote the poem, did she know what spirit she was compelling?

When Carly read this poem to me just three weeks after Casey was killed, I had one overwhelming thought in my head: Killing myself to end the pain. Carly's poem literally saved my life, and I always wonder how many others?

### **A Nation Rocked to Sleep** by Carly Sheehan

*Have you ever heard the sound of a mother screaming for her son?  
The torrential rains of a mother's weeping will never be done  
They call him a hero, you should be glad that he's one, but  
Have you ever heard the sound of a mother screaming for her son?*

*Have you ever heard the sound of a father holding back his cries?  
He must be brave because his boy died for another man's lies  
The only grief he allows himself are long, deep sighs  
Have you ever heard the sound of a father holding back his cries?*

*Have you ever heard the sound of taps played at  
your brother's grave?  
They say that he died so that the flag will continue to wave  
But I believe he died because they had oil to save Have  
you ever heard the sound of taps played at  
your brother's grave?*

*Have you ever heard the sound of a nation being rocked to sleep?  
The leaders want to keep you numb so the pain won't be so deep  
But if we the people let them continue another mother will weep  
Have you ever heard the sound of a nation being rocked to sleep?*

Carly's one act inspired a movement. What would have happened if she decided not to share it with me for whatever reason?

Also, there seems to be a fear of our own power—or what might happen if we overthrow the status quo.

If I remember correctly, and I am sure that I do, when George Bush was president, the movement could rally hundreds of thousands of people to get out in the streets. What is the use of bringing hundreds of thousands of people out into the streets of DC on a Saturday when there was a tyranny of Republicans in office at the time? Did we think we would have the affect that we desired? Did we really think that the Bush regime would look out over the protests and say: "Well, hey golly! Look at all those fine people out there holding their signs and marching from here to there. Let's, by golly, bring those troops home now!"

No, that was NEVER going to happen under the Bush regime.

Then, the duplicitous Democratic Leadership took control of both Houses in the midterm elections of 2006, and when we had a chance to actually make some change, the movement began to dissipate. "Don't rock the boat," I was told. "We might lose in 2008. Don't hold the Democrats to the same standards we held the Bush regime to—we might make the Democrats look like the hypocrites they really are."

NOW that there is a super majority in both Houses and a Democratic president and not one single progressive item is being passed, there is barely a peep out of a movement that put itself on life support and made itself irrelevant by working to elect Democrats to no avail.

Recently, in a move that very few faux-gressives (someone who is only progressive when there is a Republican in the Oval Office or majority in Congress), Robber Class Queen Nancy's House of Representatives voted (with 64 Dems in the "Aye" column) to put restrictions on a woman's right to productive freedom over her own body.

What do faux-gressives constantly scream about during the Robber Class electoral seasons? "Don't vote for Ralph Nader, or Cynthia McKinney, or whomever, because if you do, a Republican may win and then a woman's right to reproductive freedom over her own body may be limited." It makes me throw-up a little in my mouth. I hope the faux-gressive Robbed Class remembers this one come election time—but I kind of doubt it. Amnesia is not only limited to the conservative element in the Robbed Class.

We are the sleeping giant in this country and the Robber Class is afraid of awakening us—but not as much as we are afraid of being awakened.

What would happen if we exercised our power and, actually, truly, and permanently changed things for the better?

Nothing much—except for our very survival.

### Myth Number Three:

# The United States of America is a Free Country!

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

— **1st Amendment (United States Constitution)**

"When people live in freedom, they do not willingly choose leaders who pursue campaigns of terror."

— **George W. Bush**

I write this Myth of the Robber Class on the day that the Obama regime announces that it will extend provisions of the USA PATRIOT ACT when they expire this year; fights for detaining prisoners in Bagram without their civil rights AND extends the trade ban on Cuba. Pretty busy day for the Mr. Changedy-do-dah, isn't it?

The "Change" regime sure has been busy preserving the status quo lately—but was George W. a Constitutional Lawyer/Professor as is Barack Obama? Nah, George barely graduated from school. Obama is the one who is supposed to be up to speed on these things...and he is; he just doesn't care.

I write about the "freedom of religion" in another chapter, but I will address the other aspects of the First Amendment in this one.

## AMERICA HAS A “FREE PRESS”

"The most effectual engines for [pacifying a nation] are the public papers—  
[A despotic] government always [keeps] a kind of standing army of news  
writers who, without any regard to truth or to what should be like truth, [invent]  
and put into the papers whatever might serve the ministers. This suffices with  
the mass of the people who have no means of distinguishing the false from  
the true paragraphs of a newspaper."

—**Thomas Jefferson to G. K. van Hogendorp** (Oct. 13, 1785)

“Freedom of the press is guaranteed only to those who own one.”

—**Abbott Joseph Liebling**

*"Do You Belong in Journalism?"* New Yorker (May 4, 1960)

It's very well known that most of the “free press” of the USA is owned by a few media cartels: Time Warner; Disney; Murdoch; Bertlesman of Germany; and Viacom (General Electric (NBC) is a close 6th.

My own experiences with the corporate media are pretty extensive for someone who has only been working in the public eye for a little over 4 years.

My recent career since my son died involves being on the other side of the interview as a radio talk show host of Cindy Sheehan's Soapbox.

At the end of my Congressional campaign against Nancy Pelosi (one in which the media practically ignored me), I was offered a radio spot on the local “progressive” talk radio station, Green 960.

In the waning days of a very strenuous, stressful and humiliating campaign, I was sort of busy and took this offer of a talk show to mean that I was going to get paid for doing it. Even though, I had no official broadcasting experience, I felt very ready and comfortable to do it as I am bright, well-read, articulate, very opinionated, a published author, a committed progressive and someone whom I thought would bring a fresh perspective to a mediocracy that seems to feed off of the Robber Class “left-right” voices.

Now the White House is lowering itself (or is it already that low) to the standards of Fox News by going into a war on Fox. Recently two top advisers in the White House, David Axelrod and Rahm Emanuel went on the Sunday spinning head shows to denounce Fox News as “not real news.”

Really, but neither are CNN, MSNBC, NBC or CBS. Duh!

I believe that there is a media war in this country to divert us from the real issues. “Balloon boy” and “John and Kate’s” messy divorce take the place of people dying in foreign wars of aggression; losing their jobs and losing their homes. So the phony media wars are fought.

Ed Schultz slams Rush Limbaugh who slams Keith Olbermann who slams Bill O’Reilly who slams Chris Matthews who slams Rachel Maddow who slams Sean Hannity who slams Ed Schultz who slams Glenn Beck—get the picture?

The “left” media exists to support Democrats over democracy and the “right” media exists to support Republicans over the republic. Then there is me—someone who is a totally non-partisan, principled based commentator who condemns violence, oppression and injustice no matter which political party is responsible for it. That’s not so popular in the “left-right” Robber Class mentality.

Before I go on to write about my experience of working for corporate media, I would like to tell you about a recent media phenomenon. Ultra-Conservative, George Will wrote a column urging Obama to remove troops from Afghanistan. Soon after, I was asked by a newspaper reporter from the Netherlands how it felt to be on the “same side” of an issue as George Will.

I told the reporter something like: “My position has always been that Afghanistan is also wrong and we should bring our troops home, and Will’s is based on purely political machinations to support the Republican Party.” Then I saw Keith Olbermann from MSNBC say that if George Will wanted the troops out of Afghanistan, he was one of those “cut and run people.” It appears that Olbermann’s position on issues is as malleable as Will’s.

So, anyway, after the election, I finally realized that Green 960 was not offering me a paid position, but Clear Channel (who owns Green 960) was offering me a time slot,

for a very pretty price: \$1,100 for one hour a week. I don't know what I was thinking when I signed the contract, or if I was really thinking at all. Clear Channel actually expected me to pay over \$52,000 for a year of the show! Everyone was in shock when I patiently tried to explain that I did NOT have that kind of money. I was allowed to go on the air anyway, and we actually lasted 10 weeks before I realized we could not go on paying an obscene amount of money for one hour...there are far more moral ways to spend 4400.00.

Even though I was essentially an infomercial, there was a time before my show aired that I was told by the station manager that I couldn't say anything negative about the mayor of San Francisco, Gavin Newsom, so my very next show I interviewed an environmental rights' activist who had tons of evidence showing that the mayor was very complicit in the environmental poisoning and economic exploitation of a neighborhood right in his town.

Why do I even mention my own experience? Clear Channel will give such hate-mongers and liars like Michael Savage and Rush Limbaugh very lucrative contracts, but I was not about to give any of mine, or your, hard earned money to support those two bloated gasbags any longer. Alternative voices to the Robber Class status quo do not get paid for their jobs; we have to pay the Robbers, if we aren't careful!

The Media Industrial Complex was an active participant in selling the invasion of Iraq to the gullible American public.

The Pentagon placed shills as "experts" on "news" shows to use pointers on maps to show, using very flashy graphics, where the WMD were and to tell other blatant lies. When I was first in Crawford, TX, camping out in front of the Bush play-ranch, I ran afoul of CNN's Anderson Cooper. Anderson had me on a remote feed early on and I said that I wished the media had actually done some investigative reporting during the run up to the war. Anderson got his boxers in a bunch and said: "we can only ask the questions so many times, Cindy."

To me, this was and still is not acceptable. Investigative journalism is not sitting in the White House Press Room yucking it up with Ari Fleischer or Scott McClellan and accepting bald faced lies as fact.

So Anderson decided he would prove to everyone that he was a journalist and he



stormed into Camp Casey to do a hatchet job on...George Bush? The person who lied and was responsible for tens of thousands of deaths at that point? No...me. Big brave Anderson tried to destroy the character of a Gold Star Mother who only wanted the killing to end.

Furthermore, The Media Industrial Complex will tolerate no criticism of Israel and will repeat the lies about Iranian nukes without any shame about parroting the lies about Iraqi WMD, which led to the deaths/injuries/displacement of millions.

I have an even more relevant (and maybe shocking to some) story to illustrate how the press knowingly conspires to manipulate the truth to keep America stupid.

“The goal of modern propaganda is no longer to transform opinion but to arouse an active and mythical belief.”

– Jacques Ellul (Philosopher)

One day in July of 2006, I was on MSNBC’s **Hardball** and the host was Norah O’Donnell who was filling in for Chris Matthews. I was her first guest that day and when she was introducing the show before the first break, she intro’d me as: **THE WOMAN WHO MET WITH COMMUNIST DICTATOR, HUGO CHAVEZ**. We then went to break and I told Norah: “You know Chavez is not a communist, he’s a socialist and he has been democratically elected several times, survived a CIA coup attempt and the last election he won was certified by Jimmy Carter.” She replied: “Yeah, we talked about that earlier, but we decided to call him a ‘communist dictator,’ anyway.”

I was appalled, but not shocked. I was born during the day, but not yesterday and I realized a long time ago that the caca that passes for “news” is just that: caca.

Norah O’Donnell readily and unashamedly admitted to me that she deliberately, intentionally and with full knowledge aforethought spreads propaganda that she knows is not true! She conspired with others on her production team to broadcast lies. How often does this happen? Most of the time? “News” shows are not only lying but are fully aware that they are propagandizing you. This happened on MSNBC, not Fox.

A poll from the Pew Research Center, just released on September 16, 2009 says that just 29% of Americans “trust” the media to “get the facts straight.” As I pointed out



before, the media lies, and even if it doesn't lie, it reports news from its bias or slant. That is always present, there is never anything such as "unbiased" reporting.

The only response to the "Free Press" in the US is to turn off our TV news and support Internet news sites, radio shows or other independent media. By support, I mean moral and financial.

Go to my website for a great alternative, radical and independent radio show:  
**[www.CindySheehansSoapbox.com](http://www.CindySheehansSoapbox.com)**

**AMERICANS HAVE FREEDOM OF SPEECH, FREEDOM TO  
PEACEABLY ASSEMBLE, AND TO PETITION FOR REDRESS.**

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

***– The Declaration of Independence***

One day I was in Washington DC and it happened to be the day that George Bush was giving his State of the Union address to Congress in 2006. I gave a "People's Response" along with Malik Rahim of Common Ground in New Orleans and Congresspersons, Lynn Woolsey (D-Ca) and John Conyers (D-MI)—when John Conyers was still a "good guy" who wanted impeachment.

At the church where we held our event, Lynn Woolsey gave me her guest ticket to the actual State of the Union address that night. I DID NOT want to go. I did not want to sit up in the gallery by myself being glared at by angry Republicans and having to listen to George The Liar Bush just spread more manure.

I was in a coffee shop down the street from the White House and I actually put my head on the table and cried. I tried to get out of it, but Lynn had already put out a press release saying that I was going to be there and the plan was that before it started the Out of Iraq Caucus in the Congress would get up and wave to me. Even though I DID NOT want to go, I vowed to Lynn that I would not disrupt in any way out of respect for her...but I still don't know what would have happened if I actually got to stay for the address.

Getting up to the gallery, I had to pass through three levels of security and I had to surrender everything that I had on me—and I had only brought my cell phone, an ID, my ticket, a pad of paper and a pen: which all were confiscated from me before I even got to take my seat.

During that day, I had been wearing a black VFP shirt that had “2000 Dead, How Many More?” There was a piece of tape over the numbers: 000 and I wrote 242, because that’s how many were dead on that day. It was the end of January, or the beginning of February so it was really cold outside—I had left my big coat in Barbara Lee’s office, but I had a light coat on over the shirt and Barbara’s Chief of Staff escorted me from the House office building to the Capitol Building using the underground tram.

This is exactly what happened that evening at about 8:30pm (30 minutes before Bush even entered the chamber):

I was shown to my seat by an “usher” who was walking back up the steps of the gallery, when I turned to the right to pull my arm out of my jackets’ sleeve...the “usher” looked back at me and screamed: “Protestor” when he saw my shirt and ran back down the stairs and jerked me out of my seat. The “usher” was actually a Capitol Hill police officer.

What followed was a comedy. I was rushed out of the Capitol building and into the Capitol Hill police station.

As I sat there for hours chained to the wall by my wrist, the Robber Class Spin Machine got busy.

CNN reported that I unfurled a banner and even showed a clip of a banner being unfurled.

The Capitol Hill police alternatively reported that I had taken off my jacket and swung around my head—or did that and screamed something at the same time.

It turns out that wearing a shirt with a message into Congress isn’t even a crime—and while I was roughly arrested, the wife of a Congressman from Florida was asked to remove a shirt that she was wearing that said: “Support the Troops,” but she wasn’t manually hauled out of the building and arrested as I was.

Even though it was a comedy, this example illustrates how far our country has strayed from First Amendment principles. The Congress is supposed to be the House of the People where all views should be able to be heard and respected, if not totally in agreement...especially if we don't agree, we should be able to express those views.

As I was chained to the wall that night, an officer walked into my cell room and told me that he appreciated my son's "sacrifice." That's when the gravity of what just happened hit me. My son did not sacrifice his life for this country so his mom could be arrested for wearing a t-shirt that was "off message" to the regime—he was killed by that regime that has such little respect for freedoms. I cried that night...not just for the loss of my son, but for the loss of his mom's freedoms, too.

If we have the freedoms to free speech and assembly, why are we confined to free speech zones? Why are we kept sometimes miles away from the events that we want to protest?

"Free speech zones" have also had the Orwellian name of "First Amendment Zones" attached to them. Courts have previously ruled that the government can regulate the time, place, and manner of protests, but not the content of expression. My contention is, what difference does the content make if you are hidden miles away from the person or situation that you want to protest?

During the recent "debates" over health care, even though I disagree vehemently with the right-wingers who were interrupting some of the town hall meetings led by Congress Reps, I understand their frustration. We the People don't have the money to buy access to our Reps, or money to buy legislation that we need. So, along with many groups or individuals on the "left" who interrupted hearings and events during the Bush regime, our neighbors feel the need to do it during the Obama regime.

A hot July day in NYC, I led a march from a park near the US Mission to the UN to the Mission to have a protest there. As soon as we got in front of the Mission, they tried to herd us into a Free Speech pen like we were animals. I refused to go in and encouraged the people who were marching with me to not be herded like cattle and we stayed out in the street and not one of us was arrested. Most people are afraid to stand up for their rights.

It is routine for permits for marches or peaceable protests to be denied, and as in the Democratic National Convention and the Republican National Convention fences with checkpoints are put up around the perimeter of the events.

I observed that at the recent G20 Ministers' Meeting in Pittsburgh at the end of September, that 25 miles of 7 foot fence was placed around the convention center area and there were checkpoints and only residents, business owners or people with "business" were allowed to enter into the Green Zone of the Robber Class. Since most of the Robber Class were either staying in hotels near the meetings or choppering in, like Barack Obama, our protests there did not reach the people who needed to hear our message.

Is it a vicious cycle? We need to be militant to be heard because not only our voices are drowned out, but we are also sprayed with pepper spray, tear gas or rubber bullets, for trying to get our voices heard.

The "right" and now even some people on the "left who are "born again" war supporters now that Obama is president, constantly tell me that Casey died for "our freedom" (oh, yeah, and "Democracy"); but few of these people find it troubling that since 9-11 our freedoms here in America have been seriously curtailed.

First of all, there is the USA PATRIOT ACT, a law that was rammed through Congress in the dead of night soon after 9-11. The USA PATRIOT ACT was a contrived acronym meaning: "Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism." How can anyone be against a PATRIOT ACT? That's downright un-Patriotic if you ask me! Why don't you just move to France (if only) if you aren't able to ACT like a PATRIOT? The act was over 1000 pages and few people in Congress read it before they passed it.

During the Robber Class Bush regime, the Posse Comitatus Act was repealed. Posse Comitatus is an act that was instituted to prevent our government from using military troops against its own citizens. However, there never was and never has been anything to prevent our own government from using National Guard troops against us a la Kent State.

About 10 days after the levees broke in New Orleans after Katrina, I went down there to see what was going on. After Camp Casey in Crawford, we sent about 5 tons of

supplies and were actually one of the first outsiders to get in with relief aid. We set up camp in Slidell, La.

What I saw appalled me! Instead of relief camps, there were machine gun nests and cavalry troops garrisoned behind chain link fences. One of the most disturbing aspect of Katrina, was that Blackwater Mercenaries were the first troops in to New Orleans after Katrina carrying their weapons and wearing their paramilitary garb, preventing residents, not from looting, but from moving freely around in their communities.

Post-Katrina, New Orleans was an ideal blackboard for the Robber Class for mass-martial law, if ever the need arises.

Back in the '70's, Richard M. Nixon was accused of spying on people on his infamous enemy's list. To prevent that from happening again, Congress enacted the Foreign Intelligence Survey Act, which restricted a president's rights to surveil his own citizens. The irony of the Act is that it was never needed, we have a little something in this country called warrants if that privacy is violated. The penalties were stiff: either five years in prison, or a \$10,000 fine, or both for each violation.

FISA courts were also created to quickly grant warrants, and in the 30 years of the ACT, just a handful were rejected and a president could even get a retroactive warrant in the case of a national emergency.

Well, the cocaine snorting, AWOL going, drunk driving, George Bush, never thought that he should have to play by many rules, and FISA was one of them. He admitted in a nationally televised press conference that he broke the FISA laws, and he was speedily prosecuted, right? Wrong! In 2008, the Democratic Congress, with the help of Senator and presidential candidate, Barack Obama, passed the FISA Modernization Act, which not only granted telecom companies immunity from handing over our info, but let the sleaze-bag, Bush off, too.

The Robber Class knows no distinction between "right-left" or "Democrat-Republican" they exist to protect each other at all costs.

Recently Big Brother raised his ugly head again and an email address (flag@white-house.gov) was created at the White House so we could report instances of our fellow Americans saying naughty things about Obama's health care plan. What's next?:

ReportYourParentsforThoughtCrimes.com  
RatOutYourTeacherforTeachingEvolution.edu  
MyNeighborisaTerroristPuthiminGitmo.org

Well, if I point out how we have lost our freedoms to people who tell me that Casey died for them, most of the time, the brilliant retort is: “Freedom isn’t Free.”

Yes it is. That’s the inherent meaning of “freedom.” What kind of “freedom” has to be gained off of the deaths of millions of people and the rape and pillage of so many foreign lands? We didn’t have to wage a four-year long, very bloody Civil War to end slavery. All other civilized nations did it by legislation and compensation.

I believe that the Revolutionary War to throw off the English oppressors may have been for “freedom” but then, as in most Revolutions, an oppressive regime was installed and we are back to square one here in America 233 years later.

Only this time we don’t have the luxury of being thousands of miles away from the oppressive government’s armies, navies, and WMD; we are surrounded and the only way out is our own style Revolution that will require no bloodshed.

The Robber Class Politicians and Courts should vigorously protect our First Amendment Freedoms, but we know they do not, in fact they restrict them, so we must jealously guard them ourselves. Read Solution: Revolution to find out how.



## Myth Number Four:

# The United States of America is a Democracy!

When asked what type of government the American people were going to participate in, by a well-meaning woman, a stern Benjamin Franklin warned that our new government was going to be "A republic, madam, if you can keep it."

"The American Republic will endure until the day Congress discovers that it can bribe the public with the public's money."

– **Alexis de Tocqueville**

"A democracy which makes or even effectively prepares for modern, scientific war must necessarily cease to be democratic. No country can be really well prepared for modern war unless it is governed by a tyrant, at the head of a highly trained and perfectly obedient bureaucracy."

– **Aldous Huxley**

First of all, the United States of America was never intended to be a "democracy," as Ben Franklin said. It was initiated as a Representative Republic.

How could the people "lose" a Republic? Why did Ben chastise the woman for being curious? Did he have the forethought to recognize that corporate interests would take over the former British colonies—as the American insurgency fought off the corporate chains of British Robber Class interests?

I know there was already fear of a big future showdown over slavery, even at the founding of this country. The Civil War nearly destroyed us as the US, but the Civil



War was all about corporate interests, too. If our ancestors really wanted to end the evil institution of slavery, it could have been done at the inception of this country, or non-violently 60 years later. It was never about the black-slavery issue.

Unfortunately, the citizens are no longer represented (if they ever were) and now the US is a Corporate Republic—where the decisions are made: of, by and for the Corporations.

Secondly, even if we were ever a “democracy,” like Huxley said, we can’t be now. We are a tyranny because we are always preparing for and participating in “modern wars.”

A Republican form of government is simply one where there is no monarchy and the citizens have some degree of say in the workings of the government: whether directly or indirectly, as is theoretically possible here in the USA. There are many forms of Republican government; James Madison described America’s Republic as a “representative government.”

Now all we hear in this country is: “Democracy, democracy, democracy.” We are told that we are spreading democracy, American-style, and its corollary of “Supporting Democracies” (which I will talk about later), all over the world.

Democracy is simply: “majority rule.” This means that if 50% plus one desires a certain outcome, then this must, by definition, happen.

Majority rule is not the only aspect of democracy. Of course we know that the majority of Americans want the occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan to end—you know those countries where we are exporting American bomb-democracy (bombocracy). The crimes in Iraq have been unpopular since 2005, and the crimes in Afghanistan are now unpopular by a wide margin (59% at this writing), but we don’t see anything even remotely resembling a withdrawal of troops.

We also have seen the very interesting aspect of elections in these two countries. Election days in our occupied countries are days where everything in the respective countries is shut down and there is heavy US military presence (we lose high amounts of our own troops on these days). The citizens of the country get to have their fingers ink-stained while they vote for the candidates supported by the occupying

government—and, big surprise, those candidates always win.

Elections ARE NOT an indicator of democracy—anywhere. I further expose the tyrannies of our electoral system in another chapter, but here, as in Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, and the old Soviet Union and Cuba, we don't get to vote for the candidates of our choice either.

Personal freedom is also another big indicator of a democracy, and while we here in the USA have our freedom of speech, who is listening? Who is given the megaphone? Who gets a Soapbox? Who the Robber Class says can have one, that's who.

Every aspect of our lives is, or can be, monitored. I am under no illusion that I have privacy when I send or receive emails, phone calls, text messages or snail mail. We should have a reasonable expectation of privacy in our persons and papers, but we can no longer be guaranteed any privacy due to such legislation as the USA PATRIOT ACT and the FISA Modernization Act. (More about our lost freedoms in another chapter).

I live in a “secure” apartment building here in San Francisco. To access the front door (there's also a keypad that I use), the laundry room and the exercise room one has to have an electronic key fob that can be tracked by the SFPD. I had to sign a release saying that I was cool with that. Well, I have to be able to do laundry, so I signed the release, but needless to say, if the SFPD wants to know where I am, they must think that I am always in a kitchen drawer, because that's where my fob stays.

We don't have the freedom to travel to any country we choose and when we do travel, we are subjected to much un-Constitutional humility. Taking off our shoes is not a security measure designed to protect us, but it is a measure designed to project state power and is basically a bullying technique.

So there was a “shoe bomber” who theoretically had explosives in his shoes and now, even if I wear the thinnest soled flip-flops in the world (or even worse in the winter when we wear heavy shoes), I have to put them through the x-ray machine. Another thing is that WE are the only country that makes its citizens take off their shoes and x-ray them. Are the other countries just lucky that their planes haven't been shoe-bombed so far and planes aren't dropping out of the skies like swatted flies?

I always tell my sisters at my events that it sure is a good thing there hasn't been a

“bra bomber” or we would have to dis-bra and put our brassieres through the x-ray machine. I hope I’m not giving the Robber Class any ideas!

Well, it didn’t take long—for months I told my sisters that I was grateful that there hadn’t been this “Bra Bomber,” and “Voila!” What happened?

On Christmas Day, 2009—a Crotch Bomber named Mutallab, supposedly tried to blow up a plane flying from Amsterdam to Detroit.

Never mind that he didn’t have a passport and was ushered through security at Landstuhl by a man in a nice suit; and never mind, Mutallab’s father (a banker and war-profiteer in Nigeria) warned the US about his rogue son; and never mind that he was on the “no-fly” list—now, coming to your nearest airport: The Invasion of the Body Scanner!

It turns out that these body scanners will see us nude as we walk through them at airport checkpoints—the Robber Class Pervos are at it again. And, conveniently, ex-homeland security secretary, Michael Chertoff represents companies that sell these full-body scanners with his consulting firm.

I am not against taking reasonable precautions, but I am against having my civil rights and body violated!

Freedom of the press and freedom of political expression are essential for healthy democracies so one group cannot achieve overwhelming power over the others.

We allow the Robber Class to lull us into the false belief that we are fully functioning members of our government and that our opinions and votes matter when, in reality, it is the MONEY of the lobbyists that really matters.

We are bribed or fooled into silence with our own money by a government that will give us a \$200 stimulus check, when AIG gets tens of billions at a time.

We are bribed or fooled by “Cash for Clunkers,” one of the stupidest Federal programs I have ever seen. Some people “benefitted” from a \$4,500 government handout if they qualified to buy a new car. But guess what, again, SURPRISE, the government is taxing the money and the majority of cars purchased under this program were foreign.

We are lulled into stupidity by our Roman circuses of the Super Bowl or Dancing with the Stars.

How have we lost our “Republic?” We have allowed the Robber Class to have complete despotic control over our press and over our politics.

Currently, while I am writing this chapter, the health care debate is being driven by the “health” care industry and no matter what the final outcome of the “reforms” are, I am giving you a money back guarantee that the industries involved will still be profiting handsomely off our illnesses and injuries, and the bills that are coming out of the Robber Class Congress look like a very dramatic goldmine or bailout for the health insurance companies.

Those who oppose Medicare for all (which is the only viable reform of the system), scream “Socialism” when a humane solution to the crisis is presented; however, when there is talk about paying for the wars, paying our troops and giving socialized benefits to them, or giving bailouts to the banksters, none of those people cry: “Corporate Socialism.”

Bill Clinton “reformed” welfare so over one million American children go to bed hungry every night, but corporate welfare is so common that no one cries “Welfare King” when a Robber Rockefeller rolls up in his chauffeured limo.

In 1886, corporations were granted the same 14th Amendment rights as persons by a Supreme Court clerk in the case: *The County of Santa Clara v. The Southern Pacific Railroad* and things have never been the same. While the corporations have 14th Amendment protections, the only responsibility they have is to their shareholders, and almost any degradation can be committed as long as dividends are realized.

This is how WE lost our Republic.

However, the most compelling reason that we are not a democracy is the fact that we are now a full-fledged military Empire that uses most of its resources to fund and wage wars all over the world. The people of this nation are nothing but worker bees for the Empire—to fight, kill or be killed, to the sorrow of many and the profit of a few. We are mis-ruled by a Tyrant that is selected by the Robber Class every four-eight years. We can rightly call our president an “Elected Emperor.”

We have nearly 1,000 military bases in over 150 countries all over the world. These are exactly like the Roman Imperial Outposts and, like the roads constructed by the Roman Empire, Eisenhower promulgated our national highway system for the military.

Rome lost its noble way when it became an Empire and began to decay from within, and when the pressures from without became impossible to repel any longer, it collapsed under the weight of its own insanity.

Unless we the people undermine the power of the Robber Class, we are destined for the same fate as all Empires before us.

In my opinion, Democratic forms of government are best dealt with in smaller clumps and we will discuss how to take back our power in Conclusion: Revolution.

## Myth Number Five:

# It's Noble to Die in Robber Class Wars

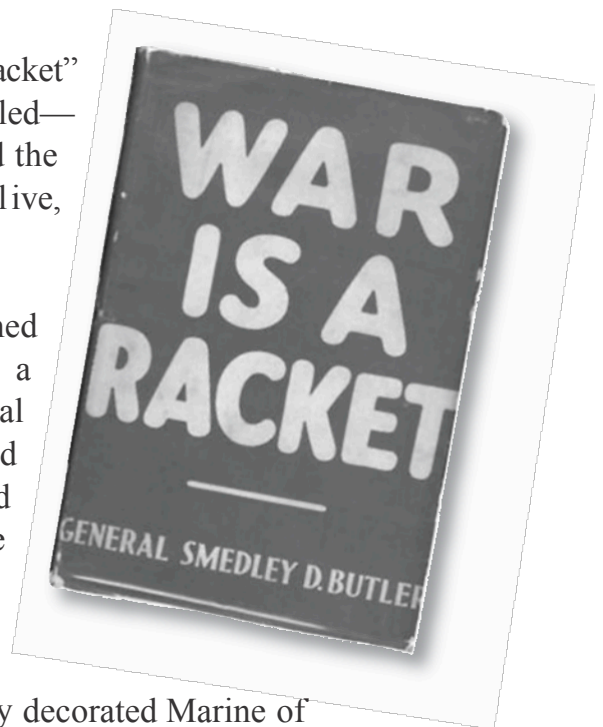
“A racket is best described, I believe, as something that is not what it seems to the majority of the people. Only a small “inside” group knows what it is about. It is conducted for the benefit of the very few, at the expense of the very many.

Out of war a few people make huge fortunes.”

– **Major General Smedley Butler** (*War Is A Racket*, 1935)

I have written extensively on the treatise “War is a Racket” since I first read it about a year after my son was killed—oh, if I had only read it before he even joined the military things would be different today, he may be alive, but thousands more would still be dead.

I knew about war profiteering before Casey joined the Army, but I thought that profiteering was a consequence of war, not a reason for it. Like General Butler says: For a great many years, as a soldier, I had a suspicion that war was a racket; not until I retired to civil life did I fully realize it. Now that I see the international war clouds gathering, as they are today, I must face it and speak out.



Major General Smedley Butler was the most highly decorated Marine of his time and a Quaker. He wrote, “War is a Racket” between World War I and World War II. He claims in the first chapter of his booklet that the World War (there was only

one at the time) created 21,000 new millionaires and billionaires in the US.

Gen. Butler writes about the profits of the du Ponts that went up from six million a year pre-war to 58 million a year during the war. US Steel saw profits more than double, but not just munitions or material for armaments companies prospered, but buckboard and saddle makers; t-shirt and boot manufacturers, not to mention the amount of food it takes to feed the army of the empire! Who does Gen. Butler think are the big winners in the game of war for profit? “And let us not forget the bankers who financed the Great War. If anyone had the cream of the profits it was the bankers.” It was no different back then than it is now. Many of us wail over the obscene profits made by Halliburton or Exxon, but there is nothing new under the sun.

### **WAR DOES NOT CAUSE PROFIT; WAR IS FOR PROFIT!**

And while the bankers finance and the profiteers grow rich, who really pays?

Boys with a normal viewpoint were taken out of the fields and offices and factories and classrooms and put into the ranks. There they were remolded; they were made over; they were made to "about face" to regard murder as the order of the day. They were put shoulder to shoulder and, through mass psychology, they were entirely changed. We used them for a couple of years and trained them to think nothing at all of killing or of being killed.

Gen. Butler talks of visiting hospitals and of the “walking dead” and how doctors estimated that veterans of the “Great War” committed suicide at three times the rate of men who did not go to war.

Take the case of Lavena Johnson. She was shipped home in a body bag from Iraq. Her father, a doctor, wanted to examine his only child and found that she had been shot, burned and a caustic substance poured in her vagina. The Army designated her death as a “suicide.”

My friends, Kevin and Joyce Lucey, were overjoyed when their Marine son, Jeffrey, came home from a tour of duty in Iraq alive. But Jeffrey wasn't the same. He drank too much, he was given to profound mood swings and he and his parents were trying desperately to get help for him. One day, Kevin came home and found his only son hanging from a garden hose in the basement.





**Major General Smedley Butler**

Recent studies show that 18 veterans per day commit suicide and six to eight of those are Iraq-Afghanistan vets.

90% of women in the military will be sexually harassed and at least 1/3 will actually be physically assaulted.

As tragic and needless as the stories of Lavena and Jeffrey and their broken-hearted families are, the worst thing about their tales is that they are not aberrant or unusual.

Yet, we mothers and fathers give our children to the Robber Class to wear the uniform of the Evil Empire to go and kill other people's children. There is no cause noble enough for the sacrifices that we in the

Robbed Class have to make so the Robbers can get wealthier!

At least one Senator's (Dianne Feinstein D-CA) husband, Richard Blum, owns two companies (Perini and URS) that are major Iraq/Afghanistan war profiteers. In earlier times, this may have been called a "conflict of interest," since the slimy Senator steered hundreds of millions of contracts to her husband's companies while she was a member of the Military Appropriation's Committee. I wonder how many people had to die so she could afford that enormous mansion at the end of Broadway in Pacific Heights? I really don't know how these people can sleep at night but, then again, I am not part of the Robber Class.

I think that people are beginning to understand the fact that the "all volunteer military" is no such thing. However, the Robber Class makes things very difficult for our class to realize the American Dream (as George Carlin said, "they call it the American Dream because you have to be asleep to believe it") that, in many cases, as in my son's, our young people think that they have no alternative but to join the military.

First of all, we now have this thing called "No Child Left Behind," which was thrust upon our schools and our children by the Bush Administration, but many Democrats,



such as George Miller (D-CA), are also responsible for the legislation. NCLB is a horribly underfunded mandate to teach our children how to pass tests to be passed to the next grade so that the schools can receive Federal funding. George Bush's brother, Neil (the very same Savings and Loan scandal, Neil) just happens to sell from his company, Ignite, the tests that some school districts use. NCLB also has a provision that if school districts want to take Federal funding, then they must allow military recruiters on their high school campuses! This is one of the most devious parts of the Robber Class exploitation of our students. Of course, recruiters have the most success on inner city campuses where NCLB is failing our children ever more profoundly.

There is a provision in NCLB where a parent may "opt-out" of having recruiters prey on their children, but very few parents even know of the clause that allows recruiters in our schools, let alone about "opting out." I have heard reports from many parents who have signed the opt-out form that recruiters talk to their students anyway.

**SAMPLE!OPT-OUT!FORM!FOR!YOUR!USE**

School \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

As a student you have the right to request that your private information is not released to military recruiters and others. Complete this Opt-Out form and give it to your Principal or School Administrator.

\_\_\_ I request that this student's name, address, and telephone number not be released to Armed Forces and Military Recruiters, or Military Schools.

\_\_\_ I request that this student's name, address, and telephone number not be released to colleges, Universities, or companies seeking employees.

Signature of student \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of student \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Federal public law 107-110, section 9528 of the ESEA, "No Child Left Behind Act" requires school districts to release student names, addresses, and phone numbers to military recruiters upon their request. Students are then called at home by recruiters and pressured to join the military. The law also requires the school district to notify you of your right to Opt-Out from this by requesting that the district not release your information to military recruiters. The completion and return of this form serves as your request to withhold your private information.

Form content provided by Coalition Against Militarism in Our Schools

**<http://www.militaryfreeschools.org>**

One thing that we can do in the Robbed Class that is (or was before Obama—more about that later) significantly successful is counter-recruitment. Going to these high school campuses and countering the lies that the recruiters tell our children. Giving them alternatives to military service and trying to convince the “invincible young” that they could possibly die for the lies and greed of their political leaders.

Now that the economy is so bad and unemployment is so high (highest rates for teens since the Great Depression), for the first time in six years, the military met its yearly recruitment goals—in September. Also, many people are somehow under the gross misconception that the wars are winding down because Obama is the titular head of the Robber Class nightmare of the Military Industrial Complex and that he is a “Peace President.”

Peace President!? All of this is based on the fact that in 2002, Obama made a very tepidly anti-Iraq war statement at a rally in Chicago. After he became Senator from Illinois, he voted for every war funding bill and Candidate Obama was very clear about his foreign policy: Agonizingly slow withdrawal from Iraq, more troops to Afghanistan, 92,000 more soldiers for the military, no option “off the table” for dealing with Iran and continued drone bombings into Pakistan (which killed 33 the day I am writing this). McCain’s foreign policy would have been super-similar to Obama’s and that’s why I say the Robber Class always wins.

No matter who is president, the Robbers in defense-related industries will prosper (along with the Banksters, but more about that next chapter).

Trust me, it is not fun to have a child killed in a Robber Class war.

It is not a good thing when you see your son lying in a coffin looking like he is asleep, but you know that no amount of screaming will wake him up! Casey has been decomposing in his early grave for over five years now and CEOs of Halliburton, CACI, Blackwater, URS, Perini, Exxon, Standard Oil and all of those immoral profiteers are living it up off of the blood of our children and innocent people in far away countries.

The solution to this one is easy and it is hard: DO NOT SIGN UP TO DIE/KILL IN THE ROBBER CLASS WARS. For Christ's sake, Donald Rumsfeld even admitted that the Robber Class could not care less about our kids when he said: "You go to war with the Army you have, not the Army you want." That would only make sense in an emergency, not in a war of choice.

One very distressing trend is the continued and more profound use of drone bombings under the Obama regime.

What could be more obscene, or immoral, then a kid sitting in a control room in Nevada, pressing a button, and killing dozens of people thousands of miles away?

Recently, the Robber Class News Toadies were all excited about a member of the Taliban, Baitullah Mehsud, who was killed on his rooftop in Pakistan, while his second wife massaged his legs. The CIA runs this assassination program and, even if it does kill "Taliban" or "al-Qaeda" targets, there are many things wrong with this picture.

I was on a radio show right after Mehsud was killed and one of the hosts asked me if his summary execution wasn't a good result of the Predator drone bombings. Now mind you, I don't defend or condemn Mr. Mehsud, but like I did on that radio show and I do now, I condemn his summary execution.

First of all, who tried and convicted Mr. Mehsud and his family, who were presumably in the home? Did he receive due process of law and found guilty by a jury of his peers, or was he only convicted by enemies in the Pakistani government that turned him over to the CIA to assassinate?

Secondly, how many of his family members and neighbors were killed when the bomb was dropped on him? We know his second wife was killed, for sure. Does being married to a suspected terrorist condemn one to death by our CIA? Does living next door to a suspected terrorist condemn one? It would be like the SFPD demolishing my apartment building and killing hundreds of people because a drug dealer lived here.

Thirdly, who or what gives the CIA the authority to assassinate people? I know that this evil entity has been in the assassination business for as long as it has been in business, but such extra-legal actions would be prosecuted if undertaken by almost anyone else.

We live in a society where our children have access to dozens of video or computer games that simulate killing. It seems like the next logical step for our violence-addicted young people to have as their vocations, the job of using a joystick to guide a Predator and drop bombs on people half way around the world.

How does this affect the person that does this for a living? Do they punch a time clock at the end of a shift and go have a brewski with buddies and not even think that what they are doing is deadly wrong? Are these people just following orders or do these people believe that their bombs only kill “terrorists?” I would hope that there would be some “crisis of conscience,” but our children have been classically conditioned over the past couple of decades to think that pressing a button just has make-believe outcomes. As the violence in these video games becomes more lifelike, I fear there is no limit to this unconscionable long distance, hands off, killing.

Don’t get me wrong; I am not for close-range, hands-on killing, either....

As I said before, though, the Robber Class makes it very hard for us, or our children, to think there is much of an option besides joining the military.

The public education system intentionally sucks (not because of our teachers) and now the economy is in free fall and hundreds of thousands of us are losing our jobs every month. Even if one of our children can qualify for college (many college admissions offices are reporting that many of our children are not ready for college after high school), it is prohibitively expensive.

Obama's Vietnam is going to prove to be Afghanistan—generals and civilian leaders are calling for “double” the forces we have there now. Afghanistan is just as wickedly profitable as Iraq, and our troops do not belong there either.

Each month that Afghanistan drags on, more of our young people are dying. It is really “kind” of Vice Emperor, Joe Biden, to say that the continuing “sacrifices” are “worth it.” Isn't it wonderful that Biden said “sacrifice?” Because that's what's happening—our children and the people of Af-Pak are being “sacrificed” on the Altar of Robber Class Greed.

This brings me to the next section:

### **LIES OF THE RECRUITERS**

Incredibly, recruiters are still telling our children (as Casey's told him) that they will never see combat. Many new recruits are shipped straight to the Middle East right out of boot camp. Oftentimes even Sailors are taken off their ships and sent to guard oil pipelines or refineries.

Recruiters will tell your son/daughter that the military will pay for his/her college (or pay off student loans, that rarely get paid off) and, too many times, it is very difficult to access any VA services.

One of the biggest fallacies is that the military trains you for a “career.”

A military recruiter will promise a potential recruit that they will have a glamorous job doing computer programming or translating in covert ops or “you can be in the Band.”

My son was promised that he could be a Chaplain's Assistant but ended up being a humvee mechanic after his recruiter lied to him. One of our family's friends is (against



**Casey Sheehan**

our pleas) joining the Army and he has been promised that he can “play softball.” There are just a few careers in the military; most of the rest is just plain grunt work that you can do outside of the military at higher pay! However, I would prefer that Casey spend the rest of a very long life flipping burgers at McDonalds than be dead! Recruiters promise very seductive bonuses, very! But when your son or daughter finishes boot camp, they will get a quarter of what they were promised, if they get any at all.

Being in the military is a hard and lonely life and if the Robber Class wants their wars, then the Robber Class should have to send their own children to fight them.

Bottom line, if military recruiters told our children and us anything approaching the truth about military life, no one in their right mind would even consider joining. That’s their point and that anyone enlists is the proof of their deceptions.

### **DIFFICULT CONCLUSIONS**

The time passed decades ago, if there ever was such a time, where our military was used to defend American lives. The military is used to spread corporate colonialism and the US of A’s way of “profits over people” to every corner of this globe. Our young people die for the corporations and, as I have said many times, our soldiers should go into battle wearing uniforms that look like NASCAR drivers with corporate logos covering them.

That is what my son died for and that is what millions have died for down throughout history.

If being a soldier were so “Noble,” then our society would take care of them when they returned from war. Our homeless population (which is the height of indecency already) is made of mostly homeless vets.

Since the Vietnam obscenity, where over 58,000 Americans died outright, and countless numbers have died from service related injuries or diseases from Agent Orange (among other things), in a very hard to pin down statistic, over twice as many have committed suicide or are dying slow and lonely deaths of alcoholism or drug abuse.

In the Robber Class wars for profit that we have right now, the new Agent Orange is “Depleted Uranium (U-238).”

“Depleted” uranium is a misnomer, because even though DU is a bi-product of nuclear fission, the result is still deadly and toxic.

From the Wiki page of DU:

The use of DU in munitions is controversial because of questions about potential long-term health effects. Normal functioning of the kidney, brain, liver, heart, and numerous other systems can be affected by uranium exposure, because in addition to being weakly radioactive, uranium is a toxic metal. DU is less toxic than other heavy metals such as arsenic and mercury. It is weakly radioactive and remains so because of its long half-life. The aerosol produced during impact and combustion of depleted uranium munitions can potentially contaminate wide areas around the impact sites or can be inhaled by civilians and military personnel. In a three week period of conflict in Iraq during 2003 it was estimated over 1000 tons of depleted uranium munitions were used, mostly in cities. The U.S. Department of Defense claims that no human cancer of any type has been seen as a result of exposure to either natural or depleted uranium. Yet, U.S. DoD studies using cultured cells and laboratory rodents continue to suggest the possibility of leukemogenic, genetic, reproductive, and neurological effects from chronic exposure. In addition, the UK Pensions Appeal Tribunal Service in early 2004 attributed birth defect claims from a February 1991 Gulf War combat veteran to depleted uranium poisoning. Also, a 2005 epidemiology review concluded: “In aggregate the human epidemiological evidence is consistent with increased risk of birth defects in offspring of persons exposed to DU.”

In Iraq, Cancer rates have risen dramatically in for civilians and babies are being born deformed. Couples here in the US that previously had normal babies are experiencing the same thing because the Veteran’s semen is contaminated with depleted uranium.

Both political parties of the Robber Class like to say that we have to fund the wars to “Support the Troops.” A very tragic amount of people in the Robbed Classes buy into that non-sensical rhetoric, and even the so-called Peace Movement allows itself to be co-opted by “Supporting the troops, but not the war.”

The false urban myth of the hippie girl spitting on returning soldiers from Vietnam



and calling them “baby killers” was designed by the Robber Class so we would never question the war crimes committed by our troops, which is, unfortunately, inherent to war and unavoidable during times of war.

Sociologist, Robert J. Lifton, has rightly noted that war is an “atrocious producing event” and like General Butler said, “normal” young people who would never even consider burning villages, killing or raping innocent people, or intentionally running over children with their vehicles, do it during time of war in some kind of brainwashed mass psychosis. In times of war, throw a uniform on a kid and give them a gun and they will turn into something their own mothers don’t even recognize. Boys who wouldn’t treat their own dogs inhumanely become cold-blooded killers for the Robber Class. No wonder suicides and lifelong mental illnesses are long lingering affects of war.

We will no longer participate in the wars of the Robber Class and we will discuss how to avoid that in the final chapter.

I will end this section with an email I received from a sailor. I am using it with his permission.

*Dear Cindy,*

*I admire your strength, courage and creativity in your efforts to stop the Iraq War.*

*I, too, am an Iraq War Veteran. I lost a buddy on September 4, 2004. His name was Eric Lyle Knott. He was 21 years old and I knew him since he arrived at Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Four. After he died at Camp Fallujah, Iraq the camp was renamed Camp Knott.*

*Knott was a special kind of troop; he was the unusual troop that was liked by absolutely everyone. I admit that I was somewhat the opposite of Knott but he was probably one of the only people who never had a problem with me.*

*By the way, my name is EO1 (SCW) Timothy Thomas. I am technically still a First Class Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy Seabees.*

*I have had problems sleeping since my tours in Operation Enduring Freedom and*



*Operation Iraqi Freedom. I drank a lot, I had a lot of bad dreams about the terrible things that "WE" did over there.*

*Personally, I believe that Saddam Hussein suckered Bush into the war and now we are stuck in the mud over there.*

*I have seen some really bad things that happened in Iraq at the hands of the U.S.*

*The pride I once had as a result of serving in the Armed Forces of the United States has been diminished by the Iraq war and unlawful policies that violate the Geneva Conventions and the Laws of Armed Conflict that I was taught in Combat training.*

*I do not believe that there was any benefit of starting this war or any justification.*

*Obama claimed he would end the war during his campaign, but we all see that was bullshit! We are still using remote control airplanes to kill people in Afghanistan and Pakistan without due process.*

*I applaud your anti-war efforts. I wish you success and I hope that it is not too late to end the "Stupid War on Terrorism."*

*Don't give up until our troops are back home!*

*Sincere regards*

*Timothy A. Thomas*

*Author's Note: Sailors in Fallujah? Fallujah is landlocked.*

## Myth Number Six:

# United States of America Has Separation of Church & State

“I'm driven with a mission from God. God would tell me, 'George, go and fight those terrorists in Afghanistan.' And I did, and then God would tell me, 'George go and end the tyranny in Iraq,' and I did.”

– **George W. Bush, 43rd President of the USA**

“Being a Christian means I'm saved and forgiven.”

– **Sen. John McCain and Barack Obama**

“There is nothing in the US Constitution that sanctifies the separation of church and state.”

– **Pat Robertson “700 Club” (October 2, 1984)**

## A MODERN MORALITY TALE

*Many years ago in a country called the Kingdom of Camelot, scores of the subjects were concerned because the King was a Roman Catholic.*

*“Oh, no,” they cried: “his allegiance will be to Rome, first, and Camelot second!”*

*Years later, the very same people (or their children) who feared the influence of Rome over our government installed a new leader of the Kingdom who very freakishly took his marching orders from “God.”*

*These very same Christians, as they are called, who were so afraid of Rome put their entire faith in a thing made out of Paper and Cardboard that was written thousands*

*of years ago by superstitious misogynists.*

*The new leader of the Kingdom, named George the Third, “listened” to this “God” of Paper and Cardboard and by the time he was deposed by the Cult of The Anointed One in the year of our Paper and Cardboard god, 2008, George the Third had presided over the deaths of over one million of this “God’s” children. George the Third looked over the carnage and said: “God is good.”*

*The Flock of the Cult of George the Third took great comfort in the fact that at least George the Third’s Minister of Law deemed it a moral imperative to cover the breasts of statues in the Temples of the Kingdom. In those times, breasts offended the kingdom, but slaughtering babies did not.*

Alexander Hamilton was an early American elitist of the tallest order, but someone asked him if he prayed for the new country of the United States of America, and he said: “No, we don’t accept foreign aid.”

Some of our earliest settlers fled the Old World to escape religious persecution and some became persecutors themselves; i.e., the Salem Witch Trials and public punishments for “sinning.” Our ancestors also fled the oftentimes-violent struggles and suppression that were imposed from the State Religions to citizens who practiced another, or none at all.

Accordingly, the Founders of this country wanted to make sure that we had the Freedom to worship, or not worship in keeping with our individual preference.

I remember back after the 2006-midterm elections when Keith Ellison from Minnesota won his seat as the first Muslim elected to Congress, there was a mass uproar over the fact that he took his oath of office on the Koran instead of the Christian Bible.

When I was running for Congress, I often wondered, if in that weird and wild chance that I had won, what would I place my right hand on to take my oath of office. My favorite book of all time is *To Kill a Mockingbird* and as it’s a book of intense integrity under the atmosphere of intense stupidity and prejudice, I thought that might be appropriate, but I decided that if I did win, I would place my right hand on a copy of the Constitution.

Even when I was a practicing Christian, the use of the Christian bible to “swear oaths” offended me! There is no place for ANY religion or any religious symbol in our secular government. It also offends me that the Robber Class Politicians get so riled over “theocracies” in the Middle East when the Robbers have no shame in exploiting their Paper and Cardboard god and using this god to inflame the hearts of otherwise good people who live in this One Nation, Under God.

I think it should be against the law, as it is un-Constitutional, to even ask what religion a candidate is. However, in the elections of 2008, after Obama had been labeled a Muslim (and I say, “So the eff what, even if he is?”), he tried to “Out-Christian” McCain, a feat that led to one of the most bizarre spectacles of US electoral history: The CNN “debate” at homophobic Pastor Rick Warren’s church located in that hotbed of radical conservatism—Orange County.

What I found striking after pouring over the transcripts of this “debate” is, even though McCain clearly won the “who’s the more fascist Christian” award, Barack Obama gave it a valiant effort, and they essentially agreed with each other 100%.

When “Pastor Rick” asked each of the candidates for presidency of a secular nation that had enshrined the separation of church and state as a moral imperative, what it meant to each man to be a Christian, they replied with the standard: “It means I am saved and forgiven.”

This is a quarrel I have had with Christians, even when I was one.

I observed so much anti-Christian behavior outside of mass from my fellow parishioners at St. Mary’s Church in Vacaville, that I started to begin to separate from these “moral creatures” long before Casey died.

The “Christians” that I worked with in the Real Estate business would shake my hand in a “sign of Christ’s Peace” on Sunday, and then stab me in the back with the same hand on Monday if they thought there was a buck to be made. I make it a general guideline to never do business with someone who has the Christian symbol of the fish on their card.

As an employee of the church, I witnessed so much graft, abuse and corruption from the top down and back up again, that my faith in the Paper and Cardboard god that

these men professed started to become severely affected.

Anyway, back to McCain and Obama. They are confident in the fact that no matter how many innocent people get bombed on Saturday (McCain as a war criminal in Vietnam and Obama as a war criminal in the Oval Office) that when they go to church on Sunday, all of their, what we called in the Catholic Church, “Mortal Sins,” would be forgiven with a wave of Jesus’ magic salvation wand and a sprinkling of the Holy Spirit’s pixie dust of forgiveness. Lord, save me from your followers!

Please do not try to tell me that the US is not realistically a Christian Nation. As stated before, our legislators (and witnesses in a court of law) take oaths on the Paper and Cardboard bible. Our pledge of allegiance to the flag contains the words “Under God.” During the Crass Materialism Holidays (oops, I mean Christmas), not only does the White House light many trees, but municipalities all over the country do so. Then there’s the Easter Egg hunt on the White House lawn, and these same spectacles take place all over this nation.

Confidentially, even though we celebrate this Christian symbolism, Christmas trees and Easter Eggs are pagan symbols, but don’t tell the Paper and Cardboard Christians....

Is it by our active participation in Christian-State Rituals or our passive silence in the face of them that allows us to allow our State to demonize others that aren’t Christian?

After 9-11, in Sacramento, Indian Sikhs were murdered because they wore turbans. A friend of mine, Iraqi, Raed Jarrar won a \$250,000 dollar law suit against Southwest Airlines because he was wearing a shirt with: “We will not be silent” in both Arabic and English and he was dragged off the plane in an unnecessary public humiliation. Many peoples of this world speak Arabic; it’s not against the law, yet.

Who knows who caused the attacks of 9-11, but weren’t they a convenient excuse to go to the Middle East and kill millions of Arabs for oil, oil pipelines and more profit? In September of this year, here in the USA, there has been much uproar over president Obama giving a speech to the nation’s school children. As a person who has a fundamental distrust of the State and the pedestals that we wrongfully place presidents on, I thought it was wrong for the president to force himself into classrooms no matter

what he was going to say. Wouldn't another set of people be "up in arms" if it were a President McCain who wanted to propagandize our children?

Let him, once again (this is a man who LOVES to be on TV), go on TV in the afternoon (like an *Afternoon Special*) and talk to the children of parents who want Obama to talk to their children. Whether schoolchildren hear state-sanctioned propaganda, or not, should be ones genetic parents' choice, not Barack Obama's. Having the "Pope of Hope" of the Robber Class forced on our children is just plain wrong.

As did our Founders, I think people should be free to worship, or not worship, however they see fit. I know that there are great people who believe in Jesus Christ who walk with us in peace marches and have sacrificed in the Civil Right's movement, prison ministries, and other social justice ministries, and when I criticize Christianity, I am not talking about Christians who actually adhere to Christ's teachings—I am not even talking about Christians who seem to have a blood thirst for war and killing. What I am talking about is the goddamned Robber Class that exploits good people's beliefs to justify or have support for its carnage. Remember, "God" told George Bush to invade Iraq and Afghanistan and he even, incredibly, called them: "Holy Wars" or "Crusades."

America isn't anywhere near the only state that exploits a state religion to get its adherents to accept sins as salvation!

Extremists in the government of Israel exploit Jews to say that it's okay to kill Palestinians at the behest of a YHWH that "gave" that land to the people of Israel in some voodoo real estate transaction a few thousand years ago. Extremist leaders of state and/or movements exploit Muslims to go on jihads against the west.

No religion supports wars or killing and if you think they do, then you don't know your religion.

Get educated about your religion and others.



## Myth Number Seven:

# If the Robber Class Kills Anyone, They Must Have Deserved It

“The only good Indian, is a dead Indian.”

– **General Philip Sheridan**

“Sometimes I think it should be a rule of war that you have to see somebody up close and get to know him before you can shoot him.”

– **M\*A\*S\*H, Colonel Potter**

“I think this is a very hard choice, but the price – we think the price is worth it.”

– **Madeline Albright (former US Ambassador to the UN)**

when asked by Leslie Stahl if 500,000 dead Iraqi children were “worth it.”

US President Barack Obama, in line with the previous Robber Class regime, makes the bogus statement that US troops are in Af-Pak fighting al-Qaeda or the Taliban, but as US tradition goes, the US is really at war against the people of Af-Pak, indiscriminately killing them while the US commander of Af-Pak, Stanley “Death Squad” McChrystal, pretends they are trying to do otherwise.

September 4, 2009 scores of Afghan civilians were killed in a NATO (read: US tools) airstrike that blew up gas tankers that were supposedly hijacked by the Taliban. Weddings and funerals are regularly targeted by the severely immoral Predator drone bombings: happy occasions are turned into tragedy and already sad occasions are made even sadder.

In an age where civilian murders are called “collateral damage,” it has been estimated that over one million Iraqis (“Hadjis” or “Sand Niggers”) have been killed or died as



a direct result of the US occupation of Iraq.

I once received one of the sickest emails that I have ever received from a man who told me it's okay to kill Iraqi babies, because the parents only "grieve for the cameras" because they are just like animals that will breed another.

Another email told me, reminiscent of Phil Sheridan, that not one person that is being slaughtered in the war theatres is "innocent." His reasoning was that the babies will grow up to be "terrorists" and the women can have more babies that will grow up to be terrorists if they aren't killed, too. Emails like the above make me want to disinfect my computer and my eyes after I read them.

But Iraq-Af-Pak are just the most recent forays into exterminating the "other" since America was founded—really since the first European set foot here.

The Spaniards did it in the west, the English and French did it in the east—killing the "savages" that peaceably inhabited this continent before the white man "discovered" it.

It is estimated from historical and archeological records that a consensus (among archaeologists) figure of 50 million inhabitants lived in the Americas before the 1492 landing of the greedy Columbus expedition. Some estimates go as high as 112 million, giving the Aztecs 50 million people alone.

No matter how many people were here in 1492, we know that disease (sometimes deliberately spread by colonists), massacres and warfare decimated this indigenous figure. This was the beginning of US imperial violence, and today, the US Census bureau estimated in 2006 that barely 1% of the US population are Native peoples—that's about three million people. It's a historical shame that our white ancestors could not live in peace with the original people of the nation.

However, the Native peoples were on land that the whites wanted, so they were demoted to the status of "savages" and "redskins"—sub-humans that deserved to die to expand the territories.

The hubris of the white Europeans extended to black slavery and the slave owner was legally able to treat human beings like animals, in many cases worse than animals.

Not only was US law on the side of people who owned other human beings, but this evil practice was even supported in the minds of the slave owners by their Paper and Cardboard god.

The slave owners felt justified in owning other human beings because the “others” were also made sub-human so the plantation owners could make higher profits.

The tragic thing is that the vast majority of Confederate troops that were killed defending the evil institution of slavery were too poor to own any slaves. Many of the soldiers fighting for the Union were poor conscripts, or were, in the great tradition of human bondage, American-style, purchased by wealthier Northerners to go and fight in the Robber Class war.

We have killed the living daylights out of some peoples that US corporate greed targeted, besides our own Native Peoples and imported black slaves.

The population that immediately springs to mind when one thinks of atrocities committed by the US is the Japanese.

It’s true that the Japanese state attacked the US Naval Fleet at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, which launched a bloody war between the US and Japan.

In that war, tens of thousands of combatants on both sides were killed, but the war crimes that the USA committed against the Japanese (Jap, Nip, Slant Eyes) are extraordinary for their brutality.

Not only was the US the first and only nation to ever drop atomic bombs on innocents (not one, but two), we extensively firebombed the civilian centers—raining fire from the sky after such scum as Robert McNamara and Curtis LeMay became judge, jury and executioners of hundreds of thousands of innocent men, women and children, then they would have the nerve to call the Japanese “uncivilized.”

The stereotype of a buck-toothed, coke-bottle glasses wearing, Kamikaze flying “Jap” made it easy for the US to kill their babies and for people today to still justify it.

Ending the war more quickly so less of our troops would have to needlessly perish was the rationale given for murdering the Japanese. We are still killing the Japanese

with nuclear residue and the 125 toxic waste dumps and breeding grounds for crime (the US calls military bases) that we have scattered around their islands.

The second group of slaughtered foreign “others” that readily springs to my mind are the people of Vietnam (gooks, slope heads).

Again, rough estimates for the carnage of Vietnamese killed is 5.4 million, over 58,000 US troops and almost 224,000 South Vietnamese troops that were on the “side” of the Americans.

In today’s dollars, the Vietnam War cost this nation about \$670 billion dollars (Iraq and Afghanistan surpassed this figure at the end of 2007) and what did we get for over a decade of fighting and millions dead?

Nothing! Absolutely nothing. After the false-flag Gulf of Tonkin incident, the body bags flooded home from Southeast Asia as fast as the war crimes were being perpetrated by our soldiers. We were there to ostensibly stop the spread of Communism, but today, over 40 years after the last US troop left, Vietnam is a communist nation.

USA! USA!

Besides Iraq-Af-Pak, there is another unconscionable US occupation project occurring right now: the Israeli blockade of Gaza.

The US gives Israel ten million dollars a day in foreign aid so that Israel can buy the airplanes and guns AND build the blockade wall around Gaza that keeps Gazans in and keeps aid out.

The Palestinians are wrongly labeled the “aggressor” or “terrorists” when in fact Israel moved onto their land and for over 60 years has been waging a war of oppressive occupation and stealing more and more Palestinian land, ignoring cries from other countries, but not the US, to stop settlements on the West Bank and end the blockade of Gaza.

The US is an active participant in Israel’s crimes.

Here is an incomplete list of more “others” that the Robber Class has killed for profit, or other imperial lust. The list is made up exclusively of “brown people”:

Mexicans  
Filipinos  
Cubans  
Puerto Riquenos  
Africans  
Koreans

Today, Mexicans are being starved to death by NAFTA restrictions and demonized for wanting to escape their poverty stricken country to feed their families—but they are just “wetbacks” who are sneaking up north to steal our crop picking and dish washing jobs. The wage in Mexico is five dollars a day.

NAFTA is the *North American Free Trade Agreement* that was passed when Bill Clinton was president. NAFTA seriously undermined labor here and in Mexico so the Robber Class could either send factories down to Mexico to pay the workers less, or take such oppressive measures as making Mexico buy corn from the US and the rise of agribusiness takeovers of small farms. These measures have cost us jobs here, but also have been responsible for an influx of Mexicans coming North to survive.

There is no longer the stain of black slavery here in the US, but our corporations have fled to other poverty stricken foreign countries to exploit by paying slave wages to workers and making them live in squalid conditions. Some of these wage slaves subsist on three dollars a day.

Think about that when you buy your next pair of Nikes or shop at Wal-Mart.

We will talk a lot about how capital punishment is not a deterrent to crime in another chapter, but the US has the most people, per capita incarcerated and is fourth behind China, Saudi Arabia and Iran in state-sanctioned executions. We are the last “civilized” country to overturn the death penalty.

We are routinely killing hardened murderers, aren’t we? With DNA technology, many people have been exonerated after decades in prison.

Recently, popular support for the war in Afghanistan has diminished and overwhelming amounts of people disapprove of our staying there.

It's good that support is waning, but it's sad that the reasons for it are because US casualties are mounting. I am sad about US casualties also, but the people of Af-Pak are people too.

Until we in the US begin to care for the "other" we will ignore the collateral damage of the Robber Class Military Industrial Complex, or put it conveniently away in a place where it doesn't have to be examined.

Until we recognize that every human being has the same intrinsic right to peace and prosperity, we will allow our leaders to demonize, exploit and kill them.

Aristotle said: "There will be no more war until there are no more people."

Do we want this to come true because we are all dead from Mutually Assured Destruction, or because WE in the Robbed Class decide we won't be used as tools of the Robber Class to kill each other?

## Myth Number Eight:

# All Conspiracies are Wacky

“Let us never tolerate outrageous conspiracy theories concerning the attacks of September the 11th; malicious lies that attempt to shift the blame away from the terrorists, themselves, away from the guilty.”

– **George W. Bush (shortly after September 11, 2001)**

“For you see, the world is governed by very different personages from what is imagined by those who are not behind the scenes.”

– **Benjamin Disraeli, Prime Minister of Great Britain**

“The ruling class has the schools and press under its thumb. This enables it to sway the emotions of the masses.”

– **Albert Einstein**

I am here in Louisville, KY as I write this chapter the day after the eighth anniversary of the 9-11 attacks.

I had a very low-key day yesterday after having about 30,000 events/interviews/meetings in the prior four days—well, not 30,000 but perhaps 15-20.

On September 11, 2009, I found it a little ironic that I was invited to read a Peace Book to a class of second graders (many who weren't even born on 9-11) paralleling that tragic day eight years ago when George Bush got the news of the SECOND tower collapsing as he was reading *My Pet Goat* to a classroom of young children in Florida.

So, later in the evening, there was a gathering of peace activists in the home I am staying and a person who has been to most of my other events came in and I sat next to him to have a chat. He asked my permission to give me a little “advice.” I am always

willing to listen and he prefaced his remarks with: “I agree with everything you say and you are a remarkable communicator, but ...” (there’s always a but), “when you seem to agree with people who claim that 9-11 was an inside job perpetrated by our government and Israel, you lose credibility.”

First of all, I have never said, and there is no record that I have ever said, that 9-11 was an “inside job.” I don’t know that, I know some of you reading this think you know that, but I have never seen any concrete and conclusive proof. I have seen a plethora of evidence that shows there is a lot of unanswered questions and things that go beyond coincidence, but not one “smoking gun” in my opinion that has convinced me to accuse my own government of murdering 3000 of its own citizens on 9-11. Incidentally, I have never considered that Israel was involved in the attacks of 9-11, either.

However, I have seen conclusive and concrete evidence that my government has killed over 5000 of its own citizens in Iraq and Afghanistan based on lies. I know that the Bush Admin lied about WMD and al Qaeda and sent our young men and women to die based on these lies so Cheney, et al, could profit immensely. This is not a conspiracy theory; it is a fact that many people (including my Kentucky friend) believe. If you believe the Robber Class lied about Iraq and Afghanistan, why can’t you believe that they are lying about 9-11?

I pointed these things out to my Kentucky friend and I also asked him if he believed that there may be shadowy forces in our government that could plot something and carry out something like this, since they have carried out assassinations, military coups, false-flag and black ops for centuries. He said: “Well, sure and space aliens could have taken down the towers, too.” That’s a conversation stopper, so I said: “I don’t know what happened on 9-11, but I am certain of two things: The Official Story is bullshit and what you just said about space aliens is bullshit, too.” Then I pretended I had to get up to go get some water or another gluten-free beer, or something.

I am not going to get into the inconsistencies, coincidences, incompetence and crimes of 9-11 because there is literally tons of material out there (and yes, I have seen “*Loose Change*”), but 9-11 is only the tip of the iceberg of conspiracy theories, false flag operations and lies that have been foisted on us by our own government.

From the time I was very young, my mother, who was ten years old on December 7,

1941 (a day that will live in infamy), told me that President Roosevelt knew the Japanese empire was going to attack us on US soil and he allowed it to happen.

The mood of the country in 1941 was very isolationist after the debacle of the “Great War.” The War to End all Wars was still fresh in the memories of many people living in America at the time. An already war weary nation was not ready to rush into another European war.

Then there was the economy. Roosevelt’s measures were not working fast enough or reaching far enough and, of course, the Supreme Court was striking many of his New Deal programs down as un-Constitutional.

Well, the attack on Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7 killed two birds with one stone, so to speak. A joint session of Congress declared war on Japan the very next day—wow; Congress is speedy when it comes to war, right? Then two days later, Germany and Italy declared war on the USA as allies of Japan. The pesky isolationist problem was cured in an atmosphere of shock and fear.

My mom, a wealth of information on WWII California, would tell me about the “air raids” they had on the coast of California on a regular basis and the blackout curtains and feelings of panic when the sirens would go off. Sadly, she also recounted that her best friend, another Shirley, a young Sensei (second generation Japanese) was hauled off with her family and taken to a Concentration Camp and my mom never saw her again.

Was Shirley Miller (my mom who passed away on February 8, 2007) a conspiracy theorist? Or did she just observe and soak up the available info of her time. I believe as a student of history the FDR admin knew of an impending Japanese attack, but not the specifics and in order to “save the world” (read: stimulate the US economy for the Robber Class) by killing literally millions, allowed it to happen. Is this similar to the “New Pearl Harbor” longed for by the signatories of the *Project for a New American Century* (PNAC) nearly five years before the attacks on 9-11?

PNAC was a Washington “Think Tank” that was really just a band of greedy neoconservatives who, in the guise of “moral clarity” and “military strength,” wanted to spread Pax Americana (by brute force, if necessary, like Pax Romana) all over the world. What’s “good” for America, they reasoned, was good for the world.



What is the significance of a Think Tank that disbanded in 2006? Well, since 1997, PNAC had been advocating “regime change” in Iraq. Even though then president Bill Clinton was enforcing strict and inhumane sanctions against Iraq and bombing “military” (read mostly civilian) targets resulting in hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians dying, he wouldn’t go along with the regime-changing demands of PNAC. However, in 2000, when George Bush became president, 17 of the 25 signatories became members of his “team” including: Dick Cheney (VP), Donald Rumsfeld (SecDef), Paul Wolfowitz (Asst. SecDef) and Richard Perle, (Chairman of the Board, Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee) AND I. Scooter “Lewis” Libby (Chief of Staff to the VP), who was the only member of a criminal administration to be held accountable for its crimes.

In a policy statement issued by the PNAC in September 2000, entitled: *Rebuilding America’s Defenses: Strategies, Forces and Resources For a New Century*, the goals were stated as:

**“[What we require is] a military that is strong and ready to meet both present and future challenges; a foreign policy that boldly and purposefully promotes American principles abroad; and national leadership that accepts the United States’ global responsibilities. Of course, the United States must be prudent in how it exercises its power. But we cannot safely avoid the responsibilities of global leadership of the costs that are associated with its exercise. America has a vital role in maintaining peace and security in Europe, Asia and the Middle East. If we shirk our responsibilities, we invite challenges to our fundamental interests. The history of the 20th century should have taught us that it is important to shape circumstances before crises emerge, and to meet threats before they become dire. The history of the past century should have taught us to embrace the cause of American leadership.”**

The signatories of PNAC, realizing that they were a bunch of blood-thirsty outcasts (called the “Crazies” by Colin Powell), knew that these goals would be hard to achieve at that point in history, so this line was actually inserted:

*“Further, the process of transformation, even if it brings revolutionary change, is likely to be a long one, absent some catastrophic and catalyzing event—like a new Pearl Harbor.”*

Well, many could, would and have argued that 9-11 was PNAC's New Pear Harbor. Did the shadowy forces, led by the evil Dark Lord himself, Dick Cheney, know it would happen, or did he help facilitate it? Can we judge someone as "incompetent" when the blueprint was laid out a year before? Hmmm...?

We have a long history of using real events like 9-11 to lead our country to ruin: sinking of the Maine in Havana Harbor to, arguably, lead the US into its first extra-Continental war for Empire; sinking of the Lusitania (which was carrying an illegal shipment of weapons to Great Britain to use against Germany, who sank the ship) that propelled us to enter into WWI; Pearl Harbor; the Gulf of Tonkin, etc.

If you believe our "leaders" would lie about wars and the existential threat that innocent people pose to us here in America, and by those lies kill tens of thousands of American troops and millions of innocent people, then what is the stretch in believing some elements knew about 9-11, or yes, even helped facilitate it?

Doesn't seem like such a stretch to me. Seems like Cheney gets off on torture and death and I certainly would not put anything past that evil bastard. We know what he is overtly capable of.

Real or imagined, our leaders are experts at playing our fears like Stradivari for Robber Class power and profit.

## ASSASSINATIONS

"To those who don't want the truth about Kennedy's assassination to become known, the very repetition of a charge lends it a certain credibility, since people have a tendency to believe that where there's smoke, there's fire."

– **Jim Garrison**

"...that, that miserable inebriate Johnson (Andrew Johnson, Lincoln's VP and successor), had cognizance of my husband's death – Why was that card of Booth's found in his box, some acquaintance certainly existed – I have been deeply impressed, with the harrowing thought, that he had an understanding with the conspirators and they knew their man...As sure as you and I live, Johnson had some hand in all this...."

– **Mary Todd Lincoln to her friend, Sally Orne, in a letter dated March 15, 1866**

"The committee believes, on the basis of the evidence available to it, that President John F. Kennedy was probably assassinated as a result of a conspiracy. The committee is unable to identify the other gunman or the extent of the conspiracy."  
– **Final Report, House Select Committee of Assassinations (HSCA), 1979**

The Robber Class would like us to believe that a “lone gunman” killed anyone who has ever been assassinated in this country.

Oftentimes, when I express my concerns with Barack Obama to so-called liberals, their excuse is that if Obama actually made any relevant changes; i.e., ending wars, single-payer health care, not bailing out Wall Street and bankers, etc, then he would be “assassinated.”

This rationale or excuse would only make sense if an “insider killed Obama” or if the Secret Service detail (which has a \$107 million dollar budget every year) had some complicity in the murder.

I have been in DC when the president or vice president rides around town like a dictator in a Banana Republic with heavy guns mounted on the roofs of the bullet-proof SUVs and, by the way, I get death threats and I don’t even have a body guard but that doesn’t stop me from doing what I think is right. I think I would rather die then know that my cowardice was causing the deaths of babies.

There are substantial “conspiracies” out there regarding the assassinations of past presidents: The Robber Class assassinated Lincoln, Garfield and Kennedy because they were challenging the “Central Bank.” President Andrew Jackson survived an assassination attempt and told a confidant that the “Banks would kill him.”

If all of these theories are anywhere near true, then maybe Obama has a right to be worried about assassination if he decided to be counter-Robber Class and actually do something to harm their profits.

Then there’s the assassination attempt by John Hinckley, Jr. of Ronald Reagan. John Hinckley was supposedly obsessed with Jody Foster and thought that his attempt would somehow endear her to him.

However, on closer inspection, the “coincidences” surrounding the assassination are weird to say the least.

Guess who were good friends? The Bush’s and the Hinckley family. John Hinckley’s father was a major supporter of Bush’s campaign against Reagan in 1980.

The Hinckley’s company: Vanderbilt Energy was supposed to receive a two million dollar fine the morning of the assassination attempt (which would have made George H.W. the president, remember). George H.W., a shadowy figure in our nation’s history, while living his life in the light, has been even implicated in Kennedy’s assassination. I think the only thing Reagan had going against him in the eyes of the Robber Class was that he was blocking H.W.’s path to the Oval Office.

The Robber Class would dearly love, with all its black heart, for us to constantly be afraid of being called “conspiracy theorists” thus the demonization of any theory that gets a little too close to their wicked crimes.

### **THE CHURCH COMMISSION AND ASSASSINATIONS**

In the early 1970’s in response to the abuses of the Nixon administration: Watergate, spying on enemies—political enemies as well as anti-war groups, and the scandalous, “Family Jewels” CIA covert assassination program, Senator Frank Church (Democrat from Idaho) called an investigation which came to be known as the Church Committee.

The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Courts (FISC) were among the more important reforms that came out of a commission that even Bill Cosby called: “treasonous.”

Among the covert actions that were investigated were attempts to assassinate foreign leaders, including Patrice Lumumba of the Congo, Rafael Trujillo of the Dominican Republic, the Diem brothers of Vietnam, Gen. René Schneider of Chile and President John F. Kennedy's plan to use the Mafia to kill Fidel Castro of Cuba.

The committee recommended that President Gerald Ford sign an Executive Order banning US sanctioned assassinations, and under great pressure from inside of government, and out—he did.

As the FISA laws were trampled during the Bush regime, this has relevance to our discussion here, because the CIA assassination program was reinstituted. When the so-called left found out about it, there was an immediate and loud outcry.

However, when Obama uses the CIA and its drone program to target people in what is just another CIA assassination orgy—there is very little outcry. The “right” has always loved the program—and under Obama—the “left” is growing fond of it, too.



**PEACE!OF!THE!ACTION!“field trip” to the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum’s Military Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) Exhibit in Washington DC on January 17, 2010 to share a message of truth with the people of the USA and the world.**

Myth Number Nine:

## Central Banks Stabilize Economies

“The central bank is an institution of the most deadly hostility existing against the Principles and form of our Constitution. I am an Enemy to all banks discounting bills or notes for anything but Coin. If the American People allow private banks to control the issuance of their currency, first by inflation and then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around them will deprive the People of all their Property until their Children will wake up homeless on the continent their Fathers conquered.”

– **Thomas Jefferson**

“Permit me to issue and control the money of a nation, and I care not who makes its laws.”

– **Mayer Anselm Rothschild**

“It is well enough that people of the nation do not understand our banking and monetary system, for if they did, I believe there would be a revolution before tomorrow morning.”

– **Henry Ford**

Have you ever heard that quote by capitalist-industrialist Henry Ford? If you have, did you ever wonder what it means? You should.

The Federal Reserve or Central banking system is mind-boggling in its simplicity. I don't think we are meant to understand this Robber Class Myth (like HF said), just like we aren't supposed to be able to understand the Christian myth of the Trinity (one in three, three in one, yeah, we get it!).



I think today with banks failing and others being bailed out by the Federal Government to the tune of trillions of dollars (\$12 to \$18 trillion so far), and with the bailouts being poured into toxic paper and used for CEO and other executive bonuses, more people are beginning to understand the shady system a little better. There is one profound insight that shows all of us where we are in this fascist corporate state: we are not called Citizens anymore, we are called: Consumers.

However, what is the relationship of the Central Bank to other banks and, ultimately, to us?

As Thomas Jefferson said: “I sincerely believe that banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies, and that the principles of spending money to be paid by posterity, under the name of funding, is but swindling futurity on a large scale.”

Our Central Bank in America is called the “Federal Reserve System.” The Federal



**Federal Reserve Building in Washington D.C.**

Reserve is a nebulous institution, and indeed, I was watching another shady human being, Lawrence (Scary Larry) Summers (Clinton Treasury Secretary, economic hit man in the former USSR, banking deregulator and finance advisor to Obama) give a speech to the Brookings Institute on CSPAN today and someone asked him a question that had to do with the “Fed,” and Summers replied something like: “I won’t answer that because it will violate the secrecy of the Federal Reserve!” What???? How can any institution in a “Republic” be secretive? Is the Fed the CIA, or something? Some people have said that the CIA is more transparent than the Fed.

On June 26, 2009, Bush holdover, Fed Chairman, Ben Bernanke, had this to say about a potential audit of the Federal Reserve:

“My concern about the legislation is that the GAO is auditing not only the operational aspects of our programs and details of the programs, but is making judgments about our policy decisions that would effectively be a takeover of monetary policy by the Congress, a repudiation of the independence of the Federal Reserve, which would be highly destructive to the stability of the financial system, the dollar and our national economic situation”.



**Great Depression photo from the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library**



Basically, it is a little like this: Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution states "The Congress shall have power to borrow money on the credit of the United States and to coin money, regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coin." But since the beginning of our country, bankers have been exercising de facto power in issuing the nation's money. In 1913, Congress passed the Federal Reserve Act which consolidated the power to issue and regulate the nation's money and handed it over to the Federal Reserve Corporation, a consortium of private bankers. (Understand that the Federal Reserve Bank is "Federal" in name only).

Congressman Louis T McFadden: "The Federal Reserve (Banks) is one of the most corrupt institutions the world has ever seen. There is not a man within the sound of my voice who does not know that this Nation is run by the International Bankers...The depression was not an accident, it was a carefully contrived occurrence. The International Bankers sought to bring about a condition of despair here so that they might emerge as ruler of us all."

According to a recent article (*Was the Bailout itself a Scam?* March 19, 2009 Op Ed News) by Paul Craig Roberts (former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury), he believes that the current crisis is just for this very thing: to consolidate more power to a few of the Banksters: B of A/Merrill Lynch? Chase/Washington Mutual—it is a Truth of Capitalism: the lesser the competition, the greater the profits.

The Federal Reserve controls the nation's money supply by issuing Federal Reserve Notes that are credit that the US government borrows from the Federal Reserve. We are not a nation that manufacturers anything of value or bases our monetary system on anything of value—our economy is based on the smoke and mirrors (or it is really a Ponzi scheme of insane proportions) of debt and computer transactions. The devil sooner or later wants his due, and that time is now!

For example, when you buy a house (or a car, or a dog) on credit, imaginary money is created when you sign the contract or the note. You then work real hours at a real job to earn more imaginary money to pay the banks. The banks then loan you your money (with interest), and take your money back to re-pay these loans. That the Federal Reserve is not Federal is a sort of myth. The Federal Reserve is definitely a quasi-Federal system with a national board and chairman (it's always a man) appointed by the President. The "Reserve" part of it is certainly a myth. The banking system is only required to maintain 10% of its wealth as real reserves. 90% of every dollar created or

put into the system is maintained by debt. This is an incredible revelation! Only 30% of the total US money supply is in actual money!

Much of Obama's economic "recovery" plan is based on getting the banks to lend again. This is where the banking system exerts control over politics and our lives. During the Carter regime, the Fed raised interest rates to impossible levels and destroyed that presidency. Now, under this Obama cabal, the banks are not making the money (that is given to them by the Federal government) available to we, The Robbed Ones, as loans. Obama knows that credit is the only way that money is created in this country and (remember) only 10% is held in reserve and 90% is funny money! Once the banks have enough reserves, they can make all that money available at once and open the floodgates to more inflation.

Obama's Plan is essentially this: give the banks OUR money; so the banks can, perhaps, lend us back OUR money at interest. **This shows me more than any other single factor** that Obama is a member of the Robber Class, which now only exists to perpetuate itself at OUR expense!

So, instead of encouraging saving and fiscal responsibility, Obama wants we in the Robbed Classes to go more into debt so we can further enrich Wall Street Banksters by satisfying our Madison Avenue artificial craving for more consumer crap.

Credit only gives We the Robbed the false appearance of prosperity, anyhow. We can buy material things with a little plastic credit card that has our purchasing history encoded like strands of DNA for anyone to view and analyze. We can look around our homes/apartments and see a flat screen plasma TV; a shiny new vehicle in the driveway, the latest video gaming system: whatever. We literally do not own these things, as Thoreau said: they own us! Or rather the Banksters own our labor, our stuff and us.

It is a vicious cycle that the Robber Class wants to perpetuate because its economy would collapse without this never-ending spiral of debt! However, as we have been witnessing over the past months, this cycle cannot go on forever, there is eventually a bust and the bubble bursts on us! We have to protect ourselves from the primordial gunk of the bursting Fed bubbles!

Article I, Section 8 of the US Constitution makes the Federal Reserve an

unconstitutional entity, anyway. The Constitution gives Congress the power to coin and regulate (debt free) money (the Framers were certainly wary of banks to say the least) and the very action of creating the Federal Reserve contravened the Constitution. The Congress did not have the authority to give its Constitutional authority away to a Central Bank, as it does not have the authority to give away its authority to declare war to the Executive Branch.

The idea for the Federal Reserve System was spawned by private Banksters in 1910 (the Act was ratified by Congress in 1913), and sold to an edgy economic panic-weary public as a way to “stabilize the economy and currency.” Since the Federal Reserve Act of 1913, we have had one Great Depression and many Recessions (that is a kinder/gentler way of saying “panic.”) The Federal Reserve System was not designed to stabilize anything no matter what the Rockefellers and Rothschilds of today tell us. It is an evil system that only exists to keep the Robber Class wealthy and in power and pay for their wars. It is not there to protect us in anyway. The Fed must be abolished. Not “nationalized” but executed! As a famous Robber said about government, the Federal Reserve must be reduced to a size that can be “drowned in a bathtub.”

Do I advocate for a “return to the gold standard?” Heck no, that system is also very undemocratic and benefits the rich. Some think that the return to the gold standard by Great Britain was one of the precipitating causes of the Great Depression.

There is only so much gold and the purchasing power of the Robbed Class would also deflate if we went on the gold standard. In addition, there is the problem with the environmental degradation and exploitation of labor that is inherent to mining of any commodity. I know I am going to get a lot of email on that one, but it is a fact.

What I do advocate for is a de-centralization of the banking system with a standardized national currency coined debt-free and Constitutionally by Congress with local or state banks regulated by citizen boards.

Is that going to happen in the real world when the banksters rule this world? NO, but there are some things we can do to divorce ourselves from the system, and we will discuss these in Conclusion: **Revolution!**

## Myth Number Ten:

# You! Too Can be a Robber

“Everywhere around the world. They're coming to America.  
Every time that flags unfurled. They're coming to America.  
Got a dream to take them there. They're coming to America.  
Got a dream they come to share. They're coming to America  
They're coming to America.”

– **Neil Diamond**

“I came to America because I heard that streets here were  
paved with gold. When I came I learned three things: First:  
streets in America are not paved with gold;  
Second: streets in America are not paved at all;  
Third: I am expected to pave them.”

– **Recollections of 1900's immigrant**

We have a very interesting history of “New World” greed here in the US.

First, early Spanish Conquistadores, for riches, or the Myth of Cibola targeted our continent and our original peoples: Cibola was one of the legendary Seven Cities of Gold that sparked early imperial devastation. Legend had it that when the Moors conquered Merida, Spain in the 1100's seven Catholic bishops fled and established these cities and three of them were rumored to have grown fabulously wealthy on local minerals and precious stones and one of these cities was supposedly on North America.

With the Conquistadores came violence, disease and the pestilence of missionaries that further oppressed and killed our native people.

Gold also sparked further imperial expansion and death when it was discovered in California, and a mad “Rush” across the continent spurred further violence against Mexicans and Native People.

One of the Golden Myths that is deeply connected to the first two examples is the Myth that America’s streets are “Paved with gold.” This Myth has caused millions of people to flood our shores seeking, not only a better way of life, but seeking fabulous wealth.

Immigration has long been a political football and people who have been largely devastated by US corporate imperialism have alternately been imported or banned by the Robber Class to meet needs, whether economic or political.

Chinese and Irish were imported to build the transcontinental railroad that was rightly hailed as an “engineering miracle,” but, of course, the work was dangerous and the pay was low for the workers, but the cartels that formed to build the railroads to bilk money from the government, became fabulously wealthy and in California the rotten fruits of this project still remain.

I would like to talk about “Corporate Personhood” surrounding the Southern Pacific Railroad and the “Big Four” of Huntington, Hopkins, Stanford and Crocker, but I will have to save that for another chapter—books have been written about these early Californian Robber Class jackasses.

Well, the Chinese who were imported to America to build the railroad, so the Big Four could get even bigger, were subjected to appalling conditions and were used to perform the most dangerous tasks: even being hung from cliffs in baskets to plant dynamite into the faces of sheer rock in the Sierra Nevadas. Once the dynamite was lit, the hapless Chinaman prayed that his co-workers would pull him up fast enough so he would avoid being blown to pieces. Obviously, we had no Cal-OSHA in those days.

Thousands of Chinese died building the railroad and, predictably, after it was finished, many anti-Chinese ordinances were passed in San Francisco, even making it illegal to have a “queue” (the braid).

Besides having a long history of exploiting foreigners for labor (whether barely paid, or not paid at all), this country also has a long history of demonizing the newest

immigrants and becoming xenophobic to conveniently blaming immigrants for all of our economic, or security woes. Immigration quotas have been liberally used, as has violence against immigrants.

This country has one of the shortest histories of world nations, but our citizens also have some of the shortest memories: every single one of us are immigrants or descendants of immigrants.

It doesn't matter if your ancestors came over on the Mayflower, or on United Flight 1234, from wherever just yesterday: YOU ARE AN IMMIGRANT TO THE US—and why did your family migrate here? Probably because of some kind of economic, violent or religious suppression, and to deny that to other humans is inhumane and hypocritical, in the extreme.

I have already done dozens of events for *Myth America: 10 Greatest Myths of the Robber Class and the Case for Revolution*. At each event there has been a very significant observation: One of the most insidious Myths of the Robber Class is the one where anyone can become part of the Robbers, because America is the “land of opportunity” and our streets are “paved with gold.”

While, it is true, some people have worked their way up from the Robbed Class to become a Robber, that is rare and, oftentimes, they've also robbed and murdered to claw their way up to that classless Status.

**Of course the Robber Class wants us to worship and envy them so we do not rebel against them and their crimes, but there are several things wrong with believing this Myth in the Robbed Class.**

First of all, this Myth is simply not true. Like I said, some people (Carnegie's, Kennedy's, etc) elevated themselves to the status of “Robber Class” by exploiting other people and by committing larceny on a grand scale. However, immigrants who scrimped and saved and worked hard to escape the poverty and oppression of their countries came to America to find the same conditions only oftentimes worse. The American Dream was a nightmare of sweatshops, indentured servitude, child labor and debt slavery to company stores. After a few generations, conditions may have improved and some moved up to the Robbed Class “divisions” of Working Class or Lower-Middle Class or, even Middle Class, but few attained Robber Class status.

Secondly, the “if you work hard and keep your nose clean” concept says to each person that we do not deserve basic human rights, right now! That only if we attain Robber Class divinity do we have the rights to good education for us and our children; good health care; healthy food; shelter and other basic human rights. Somehow by the accident of our births do we feel, wrongly, that we are not entitled to these things? Remember, Robbers are most often born to wealth and privilege or groomed from a young age to be used by the Robber Class: a la Obama.

Hello, fellow human being! Wake up! You are entitled to those things now! Why should we have to lose our homes while the Robber Class lives in mansions and becomes wealthy off the expansion AND contraction of the housing bubble?

Why should our children have to die in wars or go into lifelong debt to go to college? Why should a busy working mother have to drive through McDonald’s for “Happy” Meals for her children because she can’t afford healthy, fresh food or the time to cook for her family?

We waste our time going to the Robber Class Politicians to demand such things as: more money for education (health care, housing, social programs, or whatever) and the RCPs (Robber Class Politicians) tell us: “We don’t have any money.” However, if Goldman-Sachs or AIG goes to members of their own Robber Class and say: “We need money so we don’t have to lose any money paying for our own crimes/mistakes,” the Robber Class says: “How much do you need and will you take a check from the Federal Reserve?”

Thirdly, why would you want to be a Robber? You know what it’s like to struggle to make ends meet or to have good relationships and health! If a few are wealthy, then many are poor. I am generally not against wealth or comfort, but I am when it comes at the expense, health or welfare of another Human Being (wealth often does so I am mostly against).

One of the easiest Robber Class Myths to dispel is that if you are not a member of the Robber Class, then you are not smart. I don’t have to waste too much precious printer ink on this one, I will dispel this myth with five words: Nancy Pelosi and George Bush. You cannot, and should not want to, become a part of the Robber Class. We should all be comfortable and have access to good education, health care and other human rights without exploiting the labor and lives of others.



If we practice the suggestions at the end of my eBook that appear in **Conclusion: Revolution**, we will all become the Robin Hoods of our time: Stealing from the Robber Class to keep our resources and wealth in the Robbed Class—instead of the way it's always been: stealing from the Robbed to give to the Robbers! Painfully, the Robbers don't have to steal from us: we readily give it up.

That's why very few of us will eke our way up the ladder to Robber Class Status, but trust me like you never trusted me before: That's a good thing!





This chapter begins Part II: *Operational Myths*

Myth Number Eleven:

# The Robber Class Supports Democracies

“It is the policy of the United States to seek and support the growth of democratic movements and institutions in every nation and culture, with the ultimate goal of ending tyranny in our world.”

– **George W. Bush (Second Inaugural Address)**

“It is not until the light of democracy reaches every corner of the world, from Havana to Baghdad to Pyongyang, that a truly global community can be realized.”

– **Bill Clinton (Speech at Yale University)**

As in the other chapters of this book, the Myth doesn’t resemble the reality at all.

The accepted reality (for most people in the world) is that, all over the world, the US has undermined or overthrown democracies to supplant the people’s choices with choices that are friendlier to US corporations. It is an aspect of our character since our beginning of time.

## **THE!MONROE!DOCTRINE!AND!SOUTH!AMERICA**

One time I, unfortunately, agreed to appear on Hannity’s America with host, Sean Hannity...rightwing star of Fox. He was berating me for meeting with “anti-American dictator” Hugo Chavez. When I pointed out the inconvenient truth that Chavez was also an American, Sean, in his arrogant North American way, said: “You know what I

mean.”

Yes, I know what Sean means. Sean means that the USA is the hemispheric power and that we Americans are more important than any other Americans. A doctrine that is almost as old as the US.

In 1823, the James Monroe regime introduced what later came to be known as the Monroe Doctrine, which stated that the US would oppose any European colonization of South American countries.

Surely that seems pretty cool at face value, but it has been used almost since the beginning to exert US hegemony in the region and with the Roosevelt Corollary, that claims that the US has the right to intervene militarily if our nation’s interests are threatened, the Doctrine has come to mean US Imperial Corporate Colonization of the continent, and we have used our self-bestowed power very liberally.

Here is a list of countries in South and Central America, including Mexico:

- Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela, Mexico

Here is the list of countries that the US has interfered in since our inception:

- Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela, Mexico

Guatemala

In 1954, the CIA helped a military coup oust Jacobo Arbenz from Guatemala to replace him with a military junta. The “crime” of Arbenz, according to US Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, was to redistribute land and seize hundreds of thousands of uncultivated acres for US Fruit Company (at compensation). Dulles and his brother, and many other members at the State Department, either owned stock in US Fruit, or were legal reps for the criminal fruit company.

The ouster of Arbenz led to bloody anarchy in Guatemala and also to the rise of the Cuban Revolution under the Castro Brothers and Che Guevara.

## CHILE



In 1973, Popular Chilean president Salvador Allende was overthrown with our help to install a bloody dictator: Augusto Pinochet. Is this supporting Democracy?

What was Allende's "crime?" He wanted to elevate the condition of Chile's desperately poor class and he was going to take control of US companies like PepsiCo, Kennecott Corp, Anaconda Mining Co, and International Telephone and Telegraph Co., all owned by US interests—this was all perpetrated by one of the biggest war criminals in US history: Nobel Laureate, Henry Kissinger.

To hammer one more nail in Allende's coffin, Kissinger's buddy, David Rockefeller had multi-billion dollars of interest in South America. It boggles the mind to wonder how many innocent people have been killed, not only in South America, but also around the world for the evil likes of Robbers like Rockefeller.

## IRAN-CONTRA SCANDAL

In the 1980s the US supported the Contras in their invasions of Nicaragua and helped plant harbor mines against the revolution, resulting in over 50,000 deaths.

The scandal of the Reagan years, which didn't touch the doddering Reagan or his malevolent VP Bush, was the discovery that the CIA was selling arms to Iran (under an arms embargo because of the revolution and the regime hostile to the US). In essence, to finance the Contras in trying to overthrow the Sandinista party that governed Nicaragua from 1979 to 1990 after overthrowing the US puppet dictatorship of Anastasia Somoza and replacing it with a socialist-revolutionary government.



Of course, we supported the group that was trying to overthrow the Sandinistas, even after they were legitimately elected in 1984.

**VENEZUELA (Bolivarian  
Republic of Venezuela)**



In 2004, the CIA sponsored a failed coup attempt against populist president, Hugo Chavez. What is the crime of Chavez? He is redistributing the wealth from the Venezuelan, oil-agarchy and demanding that US oil companies pay their fair share. We have already seen how “wrong” that is in US Robber Class circles.

Recently the Obama regime has signed a pact with Columbia, ostensibly to fight the “Drug War,” that will put US military bases in Colombia right next to Chavez’s Venezuela and in January, Venezuela has claimed that fighter jets AND unmanned drones have flown over Venezuelan air space.

It seems like the US is trying to provoke Chavez into defending his country in another pretense for war. If Chavez does not take the bait, like Saddam did not take that bait—your guess is as good as mine what the Robber Class Oil Companies will do.

Most recently, the overthrow of Zelaya in Honduras is portending some bad omens for the populist movement in South America, with the US not officially condemning the coup and supporting corrupt elections, as always.

The list of US crimes in South America is dozens upon dozens of entries long, and every US regime has been guilty of using Latin America in overt and covert ways for profit and power: oil companies, mineral companies, fruit companies, military bases, pipelines, toxic products dumped there because they can’t be sold in the US, destruction of the Rain Forest to support cattle grazing—to be able to rape the land and the people, the US needs friendly governments and the populist/socialist uprisings in such countries as Venezuela, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Bolivia and, until most recently, Honduras, are very inspiring to leftists around the world; but the US-CIA are working overtime to suppress these movements.

### **IRAN (Islamic Republic of Iran)**



In 1953, at the behest of Great Britain, who was being cut out of oil profits, the US overthrew popular, democratically elected Prime Minister, Mohammed Mossadegh... you know why? If you haven't guessed yet, it's because he kicked out the British oil profiteers and nationalized the oil, (falsely) thinking that the oil of Iran and the profits belonged to the people of Iran.

This coup was also sponsored by US Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, who represented the US oil companies that were able to get a greedy toehold after the ouster of Mossadegh.

After the US installed Reza Pahlavi – the dreaded “Shah of Iran,” the US was also, for the first time, able to share in Iranian oil profits. The iron-fisted rule of the Shah of Iran lasted 26 years until another revolution ousted him and installed a virulently anti-American Islamic Republic.

The US long-sponsored the murderous Shah with money and the training of his secret police, SAVAK—the blowback from US meddling for the oil companies is still haunting us—with no positive prospects for friendly relations anywhere in the near future.

### **IRAQ (Republic of Iraq)**



Our involvement in stealing Iraq's oil resources just didn't begin with George W. Bush, or even George H.W. Bush, but began over a half a century ago. After WWII, the world's demand for oil increased exponentially and the lust for Middle Eastern oil also increased.

In the 1960's the CIA (SURPRISE) actually helped install the Ba'athist regime in Iraq and Saddam Hussein soon led the regime.

Thousands of Kurds were slaughtered by Saddam following US perfidy (helping to close the border between Kurdistan and Turkey), and we sold Saddam the chemical weapons that he used to slaughter Iranians in the Iran-Iraq war of the 1980s. After the war, which Iraq won, the US increased aid and Saddam used chemical weapons to slaughter thousands of more Kurds.

This is “supporting a democracy?” Hell no, it's supporting a demented dictatorship, but when did Saddam become the US's enemy, instead of our best buddy?

After the First Gulf War, decade-long US-UN led sanctions, that killed over one million Iraqis—mostly dispensable (to the US oil companies) children—Saddam was not a threat to anybody and was an easy mark for overthrow. Now a puppet-US regime is installed in Iraq, the violence continues, and millions of Iraqis are dead at the hand of the occupiers, or other violence, disease and starvation inherent to all military invasions and occupations.

For what? For oil? For Israel? For Pax Americana? For corporate colonialism? For profit?

Probably for all of those things and lots more.

## HAMAS



Hamas is the democratically elected government of the people of the occupied territories of Palestine which is anti-Israel and anti-American, but elected in reaction to the violent suppression of Israel over Palestine with the US's help.

Former “terrorist” organization the Palestinian Liberation Organization is largely discredited, in Palestine, but is recognized by the Robber Class because of its openness

to give up territory and be Israeli-US hacks.

Seriously, if, as a country, one of the stated goals is supporting “democracy” and the meaning of democracy is the “will of the people” and the people who voted in Hamas did do according to their will, then we should just swallow our bullshit and recognize Hamas—then look at our own policies that enabled the election of such a reactionary government.

### **EGYPT**



Egypt is an oppressive client state of the US, which I have visited, that violently suppresses democracy and imprisons those who try. A virtual dictator, Hosni Mubarak, has ruled Egypt for 28 years.

Mubarak gets reelected easily in pretend referendums where he runs unopposed and is very friendly to the US and betrays the people of Gaza regularly at the behest of Israel and the US.

He has extended the national state of emergency since Anwar Sadat was assassinated and imprisons and tortures people without due process—just like his major donor, the United States. Barack Obama extended the national state of emergency that was declared after 9-11 so he can continue the un-democratic controls of the Bush era.

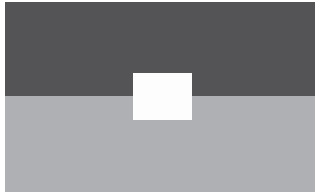
This is a “democracy” that the US funds with more aid than any other country besides Israel and Iraq.

### **OTHER OPPRESSIVE REGIMES THAT THE! USA HAS SUPPORTED (OR STILL SUPPORTS)**

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| • Apartheid Israel                           | • Apartheid South Africa | • Indonesia’s Suharto  |
| • Philippines’ Marcos                        | • Saudi Arabia           | • United Arab Emirates |
| • The Taliban                                | • Al-Qaeda               | • Azerbaijan           |
| • Uzbekistan (dictator boils enemies in oil) |                          | • Libya’s Qaddafi      |



## HAITI



Of course, there is one country that is not on this list that has been a lot in the news lately, because of a terrible natural disaster: Haiti.

Of course, US intrusion in Haiti has been happening for quite awhile, but started in force during the Wilson Regime—the US supported the horrible Duvalier dynasty, and then in 2004 overthrew a popularly elected leader: Aristide.

The recent 7.0 earthquake was large, but not huge enough for all the devastation and people that were killed. As in New Orleans, the poverty, neglect and corruption caused more damage than the actual natural event.

What was Obama's first response: to send in thousands of troops and millions of tons of military hardware.

Second response? To appoint George Bush as a "Goodwill Ambassador" for relief issues! Excuse me? George Bush? One of the world's most hated men and probably Haiti's most hated man? What a slap in the face to the brown people of Haiti and New Orleans to appoint such a monster to "help." How are the Bush's going to profit off of this disaster?

Up to today, reports of relief-aid being blocked by the US military from getting to the Haitians are rampant, as they were in New Orleans after Katrina.

It certainly looks like the US in invading Haiti, not saving her!

As I said before, we only support "democracies" that are friendly to the United States.

This Myth has been thoroughly dispelled by many authors in numerous books. Check out a couple of my favorites:

*Blowback* by Chalmers Johnson  
*Confessions of an Economic Hitman* by John Perkins.

## Myth Number Twelve:

# Elections Matter

“If voting changed anything, they'd make it illegal.”  
– **Emma Goldman**

“The Democrats think Republicans are stealing elections.  
The Republicans think Democrats are stealing elections.  
And those of us independent of the two old parties  
know they are both right.”  
– **Kevin Zeese (National Director of Voters for Peace)**

We should have all received one very COSMIC clue that our votes are worthless when the Supremes declared George and Dick winners of the 2000 presidential race and Al Gore did not fight this obscene dismantling of our Constitutional Republic. In my opinion, Al Gore is as much to blame for what happened in 2000 as anyone else, and as a long standing member of the Robber Class, we should have booted him and George out on their asses and not silently succumbed to one of the greatest tragedies in American history.

Naively, yet with the best-intentioned optimism, I wrote this in 2005: *George Bush will be impeached and our troops will come home*. Little did I know that the system of checks and balances would be so thoroughly bastardized by the Republicans with the support of the Democrats.

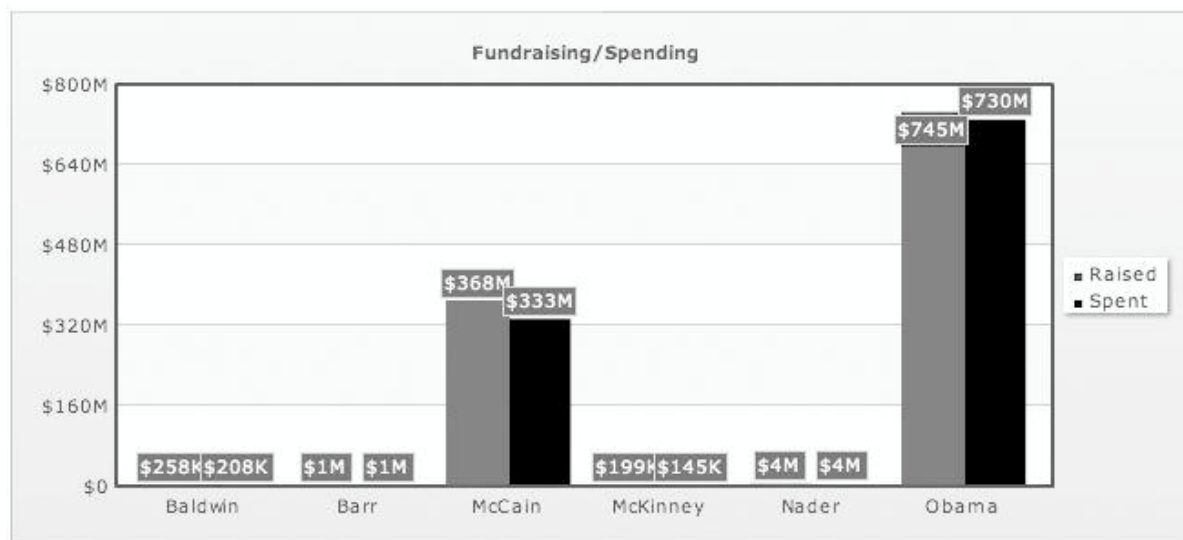
The Democrats regained control of both Houses of Congress in 2006 and became actively involved in supporting the Bush crimes by protecting his administration from accountability and by paying for the wars. So, here we are years later still mired in Iraq and Afghanistan with the economic ship-of-state sinking fast, but now under the Blue Donkey Sail of the Democrats.

Why did the stain of the Bush years occur? Because elections not only do not matter, they are highly compromised by the Tyrannies of the Robber Class electoral system. Currently, the Green Revolution in Iran is struggling for one of the ruling Ayatollah's choices: Mousavi, who from all reports is no better than Ahmadinejad. The Ayatollahs or Mullahs choose the candidates and certify the elections. This brings me to a very important question: Who or what are the "Ayatollahs" of the American electoral system?

Just like in Iran, we do not vote for our choices in presidential politics: we get to choose between the picks of the American Ayatollahs.

### THE TYRANNY OF MONEY

When we add up the primaries, party conventions and general election costs, the 2008 Presidential campaign cost well over one billion dollars! That is billion with a "B" folks. It's a one and nine zeros. The conventions were mostly funded by corporations vying for governmental favors, and were spectacles that were enormously inappropriate when the country is waging two illegal wars and millions of members of the Robbed Class are losing their jobs and homes.



***"Banking On Becoming President"*** graph courtesy of Center for Responsive Politics.  
**NOTE:** All the numbers on this page are for the 2008 election cycle and based on Federal Election Commission data released electronically on October 27, 2008.

According to OpenSecrets.org over \$3 billion dollars were raised and spent by all the candidates for Federal elective office in the 2008 election cycle! Heck, even my measly independent candidacy against Nancy Pelosi garnered over 600 grand (she raised almost five times more) in purely grassroots donations. To me, there is something not quite right with this picture.

Not only should campaigns be publicly financed, but there should be strict spending limits assigned to each. Each candidate must get equal time in the media of the area where he or she is running (one ad in the SF Chronicle cost my campaign \$30,000) to cut down costs of non-incumbents. Every candidate should get exactly the same amount of money, but with the incumbent receiving slightly less to level the playing field. Christ, Nancy Pelosi came out with a book at the beginning of my race against her that gave her hundreds of thousands of free dollars in publicity.

I am going to be unnecessarily generous in my following assessments:

Each qualified presidential candidate from any party or non-partisan receives \$50 million (one million per state—use it wisely—this brings all kinds of political strategies in).

Neither the Democrat nor the Republican has to spend much money in California or Texas—so they can use their money in more politically important or swing states. Here in California, we rarely even know there is a presidential race going on. This system would also give third party candidates more of a chance nationwide. Independents get more money, or can raise more money because he or she has to collect signatures to get on the ballot.

Can you imagine presidential candidates flying commercial and spending nights in homes of supporters and actually having to be good stewards of money and the public-trust? I can imagine it because I have seen it happen myself with Third Party or Independent candidates.

Money for Senatorial races is proportional to the size of the state. For example, California has about 17 million registered voters and Rhode Island has 522,000. I think each Senatorial candidate should get a dime for every registered voter. That sounds about right.

For Congressional races each district has about 650,000, people but the amount of money should also be based on the amount of registered voters. I think a dime apiece is sufficient, also.

Are we ever going to see an equalizing effect in campaign financing? Not when the Robbers make the rules...and the robbers are the ones in government.

This is a crony-capitalistic system through and through, and even political races are not won by the “swiftest” nor the best, nor the brightest (in most cases), but rather to the one who has the political savvy and cutthroat personality to raise the most money.

### **THE TYRANNY OF INCUMBENCY**

Some people call The Tyranny of Incumbency “Congressional Stagnation” where well over 90% of incumbents are re-elected each cycle, which tends greatly to preserve the status quo in all things.

Why do challengers even try? For me, and I believe most challengers, I was upset with the policies of the incumbent and I naively thought that if my message was pure and I maintained a consistent integrity of vision, action and commitment, I would actually have a chance. The Republican, who ran against Nancy and I, claimed that she was running against the “two most dangerous women in America.”

When challengers do manage against the odds to win, they are ALWAYS a member of either main party and are well financed by the party structure and usually challenge a member of the opposite party. I can’t remember a time, or know about a time in this century, or the last one, where a member of a Third Party even won a federal election, let alone unseated an incumbent. There have been a handful of Independents, who oftentimes switch to that status while they are members of Congress.

In the 2006 mid-term elections there were two very glaring examples of Robber Class Politics.

My first example occurred in Connecticut where millionaire Ned Lamont, a moderately anti-war candidate, defeated ultra-Zionist-warmonger, Joe Lieberman, in the Democratic primary. Connecticut, unlike California where one has to be registered in a party 14 months before any election, has no “sore loser law.” So Joltin’ Joe switched

from Democrat to Independent and beat Lamont in the general election. Guess who, among others, went to Connecticut to campaign for Lieberman? You guessed it (I hope): The Junior Senator from Illinois, Barack Obama. Then Joe Lieberman turns around during the last presidential race and endorses Obama's opponent, McCain. I really don't care about the intricacies or betrayals in the Robber Class, but Lieberman is especially monstrous!

In my second example, Democrat, Christine Cegelis, ran in Illinois against Republican Robber, Henry Hyde, and she almost defeated him in 2004. Christine was an anti-war candidate who decided to vie for Hyde's seat again in 2006 when he retired. Did the Democratic Party support Cegelis? Heck no! Rahm Emanuel, then Illinois Congressman and now Chief of Staff to President Barack Obama, literally dropped another candidate in the district to run against Cegelis in the primary: Tammy Duckworth.

Duckworth was a disabled Iraq veteran who was not against the Iraq War and, therefore, more attractive to the Robber Class. The only thing, though, is she did beat Cegelis in the primaries, but lost to the Republican in the general. Duckworth had the force and money of the DCCC (Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee) behind her, and a great candidate like Christine had no chance against the Rahm-i-nator.

What would end the "tyranny of incumbency?" Ranked voting! We have it here in San Francisco for citywide elections and we have managed to put a few Green Party members into the Boards of Supervisors, Education and Community College. If we had ranked voting for Federal and State elections, each voter would feel free to vote for the candidate of their choice; or unimpeded from voting for someone they don't like just so the "other" won't win.

In ranked voting you vote for your first, second, or third choice. If your first choice does not get a certain percentage of the vote, then your vote goes to your next choice and so on.

An even better way for true representation is proportional representation in Congress, which is the way many parliaments of the world do it.

I dream of a nation where we have not two, not even three, but multiple political parties

from Social Democrats to Greens to Labor to Conservatives to Naked Pot-Smokers, whatever; more voices and more choices truly make a government vibrant and one that represents everyone totally, not just by default of having no other choice.

I have two words that need little explanation and would instantly end the tarnish of the Tyranny of Incumbency: TERM LIMITS!

## THE TYRANNY OF THE PRESS

In another chapter I will talk about the Myth of a Free Press, but in this chapter I will talk about how our media reflects these other election tyrannies.

Here in San Francisco, I got VERY LITTLE media attention. We would hold press conferences or events about vital issues with amazing people like Ralph Nader, Tom Morello, Cynthia McKinney, Matt Gonzalez, or Roseanne Barr and very little (if any) press would even show up. Whenever the SF Chronicle would deign to put me in its hollowed (that's not a typo, the Chron is pretty hollow) pages, the article would ridicule me and often add at the end "...but she has no chance of winning."


I had no national exposure from a press that followed me to the outhouses in Crawford, Texas; and even hosts on Air America (faux-gressive—faux and progressive—talk radio) who previously supported me, refused to interview me.

After the election, where I came in second, CNN put the results for Pelosi and the Republican on its election finals' site and did not even mention me, even though I had (against many predictions) creamed the Republican. It's as if Third Parties or Independents do not even exist!

Image Right: CNN online election results for CA 8th District House of Representatives 2008. No mention of Cindy Sheehan 2nd place finish.

**U.S. House  
California 08**

**D** Democratic   **R** Republican   **All Party Keys**

Status	Candidate	Vote	Vote %
 PROJECTED WINNER	<b>D</b> Pelosi (Incumbent)	204,996	72%
	<b>R</b> Walsh	27,614	10%

100% precincts reporting - 12:00 a.m. EST, Jan 12 '09



**UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ELECTIONS (2008)  
CALIFORNIA (8th DISTRICT)!ELECTION!RESULTS**

([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/California's\\_8th\\_congressional\\_district#2008](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/California's_8th_congressional_district#2008))

PELOSI, NANCY (D)	71.7%
SHEEHAN, CINDY (I)	16.8%
WALSH, DANA (R)	9.3%
BERG, PHILIP (L)	2.2%

On the national scene, major networks/cable shows refused to put popular populist candidates like Dennis Kucinich and Ron Paul in the primary debates after a certain point and flatly refused to include Cynthia McKinney or Ralph Nader (or Chuck Baldwin or Bob Barr) in the presidential debates even though they were registered and recognized candidates.

I, for one, would have found alternative voices refreshing to “I agree with the Senator,” or “I respectfully disagree with the Senator,” etc. What if we were allowed to hear Ralph or Cynthia vehemently oppose the Wall Street bankster bailout or hear them both call for a complete and swift withdrawal from Iraq AND Afghanistan? Single-payer health care? Reduce military spending? Hold Israel accountable for atrocities committed against the Palestinian people? What would happen if 99.9% of voters knew there were credible and viable choices? Wow! What a wonderful world this would be!

I think that during the election cycle the Fairness Doctrine MUST BE re-introduced and followed to further level the playing field for challengers and alternate visions.

**THE TYRANNY OF NEPOTISM**

In many ways Robber Class has a sweet deal in the USA but especially when it comes to the presidential elections.

Down here, in the netherworld of the Robbed Classes, there are heated debates extolling the virtue or denigrating the horrors of party politics. Many people actually care and think they have a chance to make a difference. Here’s the thing, friends, the Robber Class does not care because it NEVER loses. With both major party candidates being members of the Robbers, whoever wins is just fine with them. Just check out



Obama's foreign and financial policies and you will find very little daylight between his and McCain's' or even Bush's. That sliver of daylight, though, no matter how slim or dim it is, is what keeps us in the Robbed Class blinded by hope and partisanship! How pitifully we yearn for even a faint ray of light, that we welcome the blindness!

Obama is a 10th cousin of George Bush (once removed) and an 11th cousin of Dick Cheney. Bush and Kerry are distant cousins. Who knows, we may ALL be related, but I bet we can't trace our roots back to the 17th century Duvall sisters! It is a corrupt and incestuous system, no wonder the curdled cream lumps to the top, there is not only institutional, but also bloodline momentum!

### **THE TYRANNY OF COMPUTERIZED VOTING**

I don't know anyone in any Robbed Class division who does not have at least a bare concern about computerized voting systems.

However, the Right will scream when a Democrat wins and the Left will cry "foul" when a Republican wins. All voting has been fixed or compromised since voting first began.

The most egregious coup occurred in December of 2000 when the Supreme Court stopped the recount in December and then Al Gore allowed our system to be furthered hi-jacked by a class of which he is a card-carrying member.

Like Emma Goldman said, "If voting changed anything *it would be illegal.*"

Voting machines, "hanging chads," voter roll scrubbing and voter intimidation are just some of the tools that the Robber Class uses if the "fail safe" of the other Tyrannies are not enough to ensure the desired outcome.

Bev Harris and Brad Friedman have done an amazing amount of work on voting integrity, as has Bobby Kennedy, Jr., among many other election protection advocates. There are a lot of things that the Robbed Class can put our energies into if we want to protect our right to vote and our rights to have our votes count.

When I ran against "Queen Robber" here in San Francisco, we had teams around the district in precincts taking polls. Our polls were running between 20% and 60% in

favor of me. Our polls were very unscientific and many voters avoided us, to be sure, but how did such a wide-disparity occur?

In the end, I got about 16.3% of the vote, which was far less than our polls and I came out of the starting gate at 16% and never went up, down, or anywhere. The results just seemed strange and a little too convenient, as if the numbers were pre-decided. Robber Dilemma: How many votes can we allow Cindy to receive without compromising Pelosi's position or without looking obvious that the count was pre-ordained?

If we the Robbed desire clean elections, what can we do about it?

Very little, because the Robber Class literally owns the election system.

I am not going to advocate not voting, although I think that voting is a virtual exercise in futility. I will tell you what you can do at the grassroots level in the last chapter, but I want to close this chapter with some food for thought.

There's an alternative to not voting: never vote for federal office—keep your votes close to you where they count the most: locally and statewide.

The weekend of the sixth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq, I was in San Diego. As is our custom, we marched, we rallied, I spoke. After my speech, a gentleman came up to me and said: "Cindy, if you vote, then you are giving the politicians permission to kill you."

I didn't have time to have a discussion with him, but I got to thinking about what he said.

First of all, since Casey died, no one I ever vote for wins. I never voted for George Bush and I did not vote for Barack Obama.

Secondly, I see what this person was telling me: if we vote, we legitimize the system and there is little we can do once the RCP (Robber Class Politician) gets in to rein in his or her rapacious appetite for power and money. Once the genie is out of the bottle...

However, whether we vote or not, these people control every aspect of our lives from pre-birth to after-death.

As for me, I will not legitimize the Robber Class Federal Electoral system with my participation any longer.



“If voting changed anything, they'd make it illegal.”  
– **Emma Goldman**

## Myth Number Thirteen:

# There's a Difference Between Democrats and!Republicans

“The center is where we live and breathe.”  
– **Hillary Clinton (then NY!Senator)**

“Things fall apart; the center cannot hold”  
– **William Butler Yeats**

“An election cannot give a country a firm sense of direction if it has two or more national parties which merely have different names but are as alike in their principles and aims as two peas in the same pod”  
– **Franklin D. Roosevelt**

The “Center” may be where Hillary says she lives and breathes, but that lady has certainly taken some giant steps (Mother may I) to the right!

What “Center” is this? Is this the hogwash of “Post-partisanship” that Obama blathers about?

Is this the “Center” that refuses to end two wars, refuses to hold George and Dick accountable and keeps pouring billions of tax dollars into the sinkhole on Wall Street? Is this the same “Center” that took away our Fourth Amendment right to privacy by the FISA Modernization Act and our protections under the First Amendment with the USA PATRIOT ACT and our protections under the Eighth Amendment by the Military Commission’s Act?

Hillary is full of it.

No one breathes in the Center of the political spectrum in this nation. Few of us live there because the “far-left, left, left of center, center, right of center and far right” division is just one of those divisions that is foisted upon us by the Robber Class to keep us guessing and confused.

Since I wrote my first edition of *Myth America*, Congress demonstrated my point fully. I don’t feel vindicated, but I do feel more justified in saying that there is very little difference between Democrat/Republican.

Barack Obama asked for \$95 billion more dollars as a supplemental to continue the occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan. Of course the bill passed with ease through the House and was passed, but amended, in the Senate and sent back to the House.

During the first go around, 53 Democratic House Members voted “nay” on the funding bill, but almost every Republican, of course, voted “yea.”

In the second go around, the House was in a quandary because the Senate had added money for the World Bank, to guarantee some worldwide bank robbery, and EVERY House Republican said that they would vote “nay” now because of the World Bank provisions.

What to do, what to do?! The Democratic leadership needed 10 of the Dems who previously voted “nay” to vote “yea” this time, so the war funding would pass – remember, these are the same Democrats who told me in 2005: “Cindy, help us get elected, and we’ll help you end the war.”

The faux-gressives went to work: Call Congress! Email Congress! Walk the halls! The war-funding bill could go down in defeat! This is our chance! Blah, blah, blah!

I did not do any of these things because I knew that the bill would never be allowed on the floor for a vote unless Pelosi and her gangsters were assured it was going to pass.

And, in the end, I was sadly right! Ninety-five billion more dollars were granted to continue wars—that should never have started—and to continue them under a Democratic, total tyrannical control of our government.

One of the reasons that I left the Democratic Party in 2007 was that in one of its first acts as the majority, it gave George Bush about \$100 billion more dollars for his insane wars—after the Democrats (including Nancy Pelosi) told me to my face: “Cindy, help us get elected, and we’ll help you end the wars.” What did these faux-gressive organizations think was going to happen when they called, emailed, or walked the Halls?

Did the organizations think that Congress wouldn’t fund Obama’s wars when it fully funded Bush’s? When Pelosi campaigned in 2006 on a “No more blank checks for war” platform?

What a waste of energy, email ink and time to think we have any say in what the Robber Class Politicians do.

Very few people in the Robbed Class are actually fully in any of the left-right; Demo-Repug categories. We all care about our children, while some of us care about all the world’s children. We all care about keeping our country and our community’s safe, while some of us want to keep everyone in the world safe. We all want prosperity for our families, while some of us want prosperity for all.

If I had to pigeonhole myself, I would define myself as a libertarian-socialist, like Noam Chomsky. I want the government (which means you and I) to pay for or subsidize social programs like education, health care and housing and to get the hell out of the business of war-for-profit. However, I am highly suspicious of a Central government and think the control and administration of these programs should be done as locally as possible by citizen boards with local oversight.

There are many things that we in the Robbed Class can rally around and we need to find these commonalities to be able to survive in the challenges that will soon engulf us.

The Center is conformist. The Center is where everyone (or half of everyone in the “two party” Robber Class myth) marches in lockstep where we might as well all wear our “team” shirts: Blue for the Democratic half and Red for the Republican half. The Robber Class could help us out and wear Brown Shirts so we can ALL recognize that our system is essentially fascist.

## THE DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN MYTH

Cindy Sheehan's One Question Myth Quiz:

"And for those who seek to advance their aims by inducing terror and slaughtering innocents, we say to you now that, "Our spirit is stronger and cannot be broken. You cannot outlast us, and we will defeat you."

**Who said the above statement?**

- A. George Bush**
- B. Barack Obama**
- C. Dick Cheney**
- D. Joe Biden**
- E. Condileeza Rice**
- F. Hillary Clinton**
- G. All of the above**
- H. None of the above**

I am sorry because this was a trick question. Barack Obama said the precise words in his inaugural address, but any one of those Robber Class Politicians (RCPs) could have and have uttered very similar words. The RCPs depend on their wars and military for their very lives and political stability, so it matters not which Political Party is currently in power, it will use the same rhetoric to convince its team that we do have a VERY SCARY enemy out there. The Reds already knew it because George and Dick told them so, for years. The Blues resisted the idea because they did not trust the Red Team, or its Managers. But now the Manager of the Blue Team has told us to be afraid and the entire country (minus a relative few of us) are onboard with the US's War Of Terror (or Overseas Contingency Operation, as the new Emperor is now calling the Global War on Terror).

In a recent speech to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (mostly comprised of rightwing war supporters), Obama said that the war in Afghanistan is a "war of necessity" because we have to capture the ones who attacked us on 9-11 and who want to attack us again! I think his speech writer was ill that day and he recycled an old Dick Cheney speech.



Our first WaMPO president, George Washington, wrote many prescient things in his Farewell Address to the Nation back in 1796 about militaries and credit (against the exploitation of both), but he wrote this about political parties (“factions”):

The common and continual mischiefs of the spirit of party are sufficient to make it the interest and duty of a wise people to discourage and restrain it.

It serves always to distract the Public Councils, and enfeeble the Public Administration. It agitates the Community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms; kindles the animosity of one part against another, foment occasionally riot and insurrection. It opens the door to foreign influence and corruption, which find a facilitated access to the government itself through the channels of party passions. Thus the policy and the will of one country are subjected to the policy and will of another.

George Washington thought that in monarchical forms of government, political parties were necessary to provide the tensions and counterbalance to a despot; but in elective forms of government, a person’s merits should be considered above his (remember, we are still in the time of government by and for the WaMPO’s) party’s “mischief’s of the spirit.”

In today’s America with a few women and colored persons sprinkled among the WaMPOs we have a party system that is off-the-hook out of control.

I ran for election for the House of Representatives independent from any political party, which frees one of any party ideology or fabricated allegiances. Although I had a progressive platform that was supported by people from all over the world, I only received about 47,000 votes and the Democrat got triple that number (but the Republican only about half). To be sure the Democrat that beat me, Nancy Pelosi, was a ten-term incumbent who had also, incredibly and not because she has anything going for her but money and her position in the Robber Class, is Speaker of the House.

Nancy Pelosi, my opponent, is good on some social issues, especially ones that are important to SF voters, like gay rights. She is horrible to labor (all the unions endorsed her because she is a Democrat, even though my platform was militantly pro-labor), she bailed out Wall Street under BushCo and, not only bailed them out to the tune of over a trillion of our tax dollars, but she rammed the bill down the throats of her



colleagues who voted against the bailout the first time it was proposed.

The bailout bill has turned out to be a further disaster to our economy. As of this writing, unemployment, evictions and foreclosures are skyrocketing—but We the Robbed are not seeing any of the bailout money. In fact, we are the ones suffering so the CEOs and RCPs can live it up (Congress also received a raise and has health insurance that covers 110%).

The 8th Congressional district in California is overwhelmingly against the wars and Nancy Pelosi, in a very pretend-threatening Robber Class way, said that she would give George Bush no blank checks for war. What she really meant to say was that she would “sign” all the blank checks that George Bush wanted against the collective will of her constituency.

Nancy Pelosi fell in lockstep with the other RCPs when she famously declared that impeachment would be “off the table” for the most egregious and blatant criminals of the RCPs—the Bush Regime. BushCo were so arrogant about their crimes of pre-emptive war, spying, torture, and using their political offices to punish enemies that IT had to know that members of its own class would exempt IT from accountability.

Recently, there has been a big whoop-dee-do between Nancy Pelosi and the new director of the CIA, Leon Panetta, about when and how much Pelosi knew about torture. This was an issue that my campaign started to press in December of 2007, when the initial article came out in the Washington Post exposing Pelosi. Instantly, all the “off the table” treason made sense to me: If Pelosi started digging in the Garden of Evil and Evil, she would dig up some of her own skeletons and many Democrats would also be implicated. This is an old Mafioso tactic: bring your nominative opponents in on your crimes so they can’t rat you out without bringing themselves down.

After Nancy Pelosi’s House and Harry Reid’s (D-Nv) Senate passed the FISA Modernization Act (with a “yes” vote from, then Senator, Barack Obama), giving the Executive Branch wide latitude in spying on electronic forms of communication and exempted telecommunication companies from colluding with the government to spy on us, George Bush said it was “more than he wanted” and the Republican Congress under Speaker Denny Hastert wouldn’t even bend over to Executive Power in the way Pelosi and Reid did.

So, in November of 2008, San Franciscans had a choice between someone who doesn't reflect its values of accountability and peace, a DiNO (Democrat in Name Only); and me. John Nichols of The Nation called me: A true Jeffersonian Democrat.

I truly believe that the power of America lies in its people. I don't just mouth those platitudes to assuage the nerves of antsy citizens so the twitches don't foment into true rebellion, I believe that concept and live it out.

I believe in the concept of a political Revolution so wholeheartedly that I have been willing to spend all my savings, risk my health and reputation and, unfortunately, end relationships where the cause was being suppressed, not enhanced.

Nancy Pelosi and the rest of the RCPs believe in the power of the State. They believe in its military and its banks and the very real power both exert over every aspect of our lives. As I have stated before, we the people can resist that power by not succumbing to it.

And we will discuss this in the last chapter Conclusion: Revolution.

#### **BANKSTER CONTRIBUTIONS 2008 (TOP DONORS)**

	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>
Goldman/Sachs	230,095	994,795
Citigroup	322,051	701,290
JP Morgan	228,107	695,132
Morgan/Stanley	273,452	514,881
Merrill Lynch	373,595	
Credit Suisse	183,353	
Wachovia	195,063	
Bank of America	166,026	
Lehman Bros	114,357	
Bear Stearns	117,498	
UBS AG	192,493	543,219
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,396,090</b>	<b>3,449,317</b>

(Source Data: [www.opensecrets.org](http://www.opensecrets.org))

Clearly, CLEARLY, the candidate of the Banksters won in 2008, but also, just as clear, the Banksters hedged their bets. Although Obama took in nearly a million more from the Banksters, McCain was awarded campaign money by a few more companies.

We on the bottom of the Bankster food chain don't have the kind of money to contribute to campaigns, like the corporations do, because, individually, our contributions are limited to \$2300 each to each candidate.

Obviously, grass-roots contributions make up the bulk of each candidate's donor profile, but we do not pool our resources together to go to each elected official and use the power of our purse strings to influence legislation that would help us; but the Robber Class Banksters know how to influence peddle and that's why the AIG bonuses have been allowed to be paid to the execs.

It angers me so much that the Robbers in Congress made sure that Labor got the shaft in the auto company bailouts (loans), but Christopher Dodd, Bankster-Senator (D-CT) made sure that the AIG execs would get their "retention" bonuses for driving that company into the ground after billions from the Federal Reserve were dumped into its black-gaping maw of greed.

The Robber Class is not only foreclosing on our homes but also foreclosing on the future of our children. The Robber Class, while morally bankrupt, is also financially bankrupting our nation.

Believing in the Myth of two-party politics against all evidence really harms the cause of democracy—because even if there was much of a difference between the parties in the Robber Class, two parties is nowhere near enough for a vibrant democracy.

Even if the two parties spoke with a radically different voice, how can 200 million voters in this country fit comfortably and squeeze our fast-food butts into only two sizes? I think we need at least triple or quadruple that number!

How about a credible Green Party?

Labor Party?

Socialist?

Communist?

Conservative?

Liberal?

Conservative Democrats?

Liberal Republicans?

Whigs?

Tories?

Naked Pot Smoking Hippies?

Whatever, a party for everyone and everyone for a party!

The US political two-party monopoly and the microscopic difference between them is definitely reminiscent of the Soviet Politburo where there was absolutely no choice. However the major difference between the ex-Soviet Union and the US, is that the US currently has tyranny couched with the fog of choice.



Myth Number Fourteen:

## Robber Class Enemies Are Also Our Enemies

"For us in Russia communism is a dead dog.  
For many people in the West, it is still a living lion."

– **Alexander Solzhenitsyn**

"When we think of the major threats to our national security, the first to come to mind are nuclear proliferation, rogue states and global terrorism.

But another kind of threat lurks beyond our shores, one from nature,  
not humans - an avian flu pandemic."

– **Barack Obama**

"This [Afghanistan] is not a war of choice. This is a war of necessity. Those who attacked America on 9/11 are plotting to do so again. If left unchecked, the Taliban insurgency will mean an even larger safe haven from which al Qaeda would plot to kill more Americans. So this is not only a war worth fighting. This is a — this is fundamental to the defense of our people."

– **Barack Obama (VFW!Speech)**

"We can fight the War on Terrorism in other places around the world or we can fight it here in America. The right choice is to fight those terrorists where they are."

– **Randy Neugebauer**

When I was in second grade I was a very shy child with a very loud and domineering teacher, who thankfully liked me.

One day, Miss MacMurray was giving us a lecture on "Communism." She asked all

of us seven and eight year olds a very scary question: “If a Communist came up to you and put a gun against your head and told you not to recite the pledge of allegiance or he would shoot you, what would you do?”

Well, my little hand shot up because I was sure of the answer. Ms. MacMurray called on me and my little voice confidently rang out: “I wouldn’t say it!” Well, that wasn’t the right answer. How many of you have been sent to the corner and called “un-American” when you were seven years old? I sat in the corner very sure of my answer, even though I was publicly humiliated by my teacher. I still wouldn’t say the pledge if a “commie” threatened me with murder if I did.

For all of my elementary school years at precisely 2PM, every Friday, the town’s air raid signal would go off and we would have to dive under our desks, never really thinking how absurd this exercise was until we were in about fifth grade. Then we would obediently dive under our desks while crabbing about how dumb the whole endeavor was.



**Opening title frame from the 1951/1952 Civil Defense film “Duck and Cover” featuring *Bert the Turtle*.**

The “Red Scare” of a “Commie under every bed” and the only “Good Red is a dead Red” was abating somewhat in the mid-60s—at least the McCarthy witch hunts were discredited and the Missile Crisis had passed without Mutually Assured Destruction going down.

However, we were told, very simplistically, that we were fighting the spread of evil communism in Southeast Asia during our war against Vietnam. What happened after millions of deaths on every side? Vietnam became a Communist country and is now a full trading-partner with the USA. Diplomatic relations is fully normalized.

Yet, a tiny, poor country 90 miles off of our coast is still our enemy and economic sanctions imposed from the USA to Cuba are strangling that Socialist country.

Not only did we engage for over a dozen years in Vietnam to “stop the spread” of Communism, the Carter administration gave the Mujahadeen in Afghanistan billions of dollars in military aid to help them overthrow the USSR in the 70s.

After the USSR slunk off with its military empire in tatters, the Mujahadeen freedom fighters split into at least three bloody factions: the Northern Alliance, the Taliban, and al-Qaeda. Talk about imperial blowback, huh? Now we are quagmired in Afghanistan fighting the very people that we supported, armed and trained, and al-Qaeda is reportedly responsible for 9-11. With billions of dollars and millions of lives wasted, and a new administration, the threat of terrorism is still being pushed down our throats to justify all kinds of Robber Class excess.

We don’t have to dive under our nuke-proof desks anymore at regular intervals, but we do have to take off our shoes when we want to get on an airplane. We don’t have to worry about Commies under our beds, but I remember the first Halloween after 9-11, many people in my town, taped themselves into their bathrooms with duct tape and plastic sheeting fearful of a chemical terrorist attack. We have “Color coded” scare tactics in the name of Homeland Security—and, hey, what about “Homeland Security,” anyway?

The Department of Homeland Security was initiated soon after the attacks of 9-11 and constituted the biggest reorganization of government since 1947. The fascist name of the department has bothered me since it was announced! Homeland Security! The very name brings images of Nazis goose-stepping and Heil Hitlering in unison. That’s basically what the Bush administration brought to us in the seven years after 9-11.

I was recently at the protests against the G20 meeting in Pittsburgh. The G20 is a group comprised of the 19 largest economies in the world plus the European Union. This G20 was all about declaring their “New World Economic Order” and making their body the “International Economic Committee.” We the people had no say in this and we have no say in decisions that fundamentally affect us.

I witnessed the Homeland Security goons use excessive and unnecessary force against people who came out to try and make our voices heard. I know that these oppressive tactics have been used against citizens forever, but it was shocking to me to witness this brutality on a first-hand basis.



The tactic of the state now, under Obama, is to not even be subtle. Use as much force as possible to effectively shut down protest (and they are very effective at it) and scare the people who come out thinking we have every right to be there, so badly, that we may change our strategies.

The 6500 thugs that came out to the G20 protests had every imaginable weapon and body armor doodad that most likely would have saved my son's life if he were so well equipped. And Casey was in Iraq actually facing real weapons from people determined to defeat him. He wasn't facing unarmed peaceniks or even anarchists with bricks.

Then, after the thugs cracked some skulls, or broke a few arms, arrested dozens of people, they went home without any accountability, and the city will pay millions of dollars in compensation to the victims of abuse from a slush fund accumulated for just that reason.

No one will hold the city accountable and no one will certainly hold the thugs accountable. Then the next big protests will come and the cycle will start all over again.

I was walking down the street in Pittsburgh with about a dozen other people when a gang of thugs approached us. I engaged the leader in an actual conversation and I asked him why they were out in force with so many weapons against peaceful protesters and he said: "We are here to protect the delegates to the G20 and we are here to protect the protesters, too."

I averred that since I was tear-gassed and assaulted with an LRAD (Long Range Acoustical Device) that day, I didn't feel too "protected." It's a crock. The cops and our own military are being used by the Robber Class to oppress us—and we happen to be members of their own class. They are protecting the very people that are conspiring to harm all of us. But I bet all of the overtime the cops got that week will help pay for a nice Christmas for their kids—after they cracked the skulls of other people's kids.

So the Robber Class has convinced our brothers and sisters to be paid goons to suppress our rights and convinced them that peace activists are their enemy.

Another time at the G20, we were walking across the street in front of a van of storm troopers and we very naturally flashed our peace signs and the driver rolled his window

down and started very snottily singing: “All we are saying is give peace a chance.” I changed the words to: “All I am saying is you’re a big jackass!”

I told every National Guard troops that I saw in Pittsburgh that: My son, their brother, was killed in Iraq and he supposedly died for our “freedoms,” and you came to Pittsburgh to suppress his mother’s rights? Unlike the cops who mostly were robotic freaks, the Guardsmen would sometimes get tears in their eyes when I confronted them with that inconvenient truth.

If we are going to have any success in our struggle against the Robber Class, we are going to have to convince the enforcers that we are not their enemies, that the Robber Class is our common enemy. What will make the enforcers change their ways?

One good way is with a group that is called Oath Keepers. Oath Keepers is a group of law enforcement and military that refuses to obey orders that contravene their higher oath to defend the Constitution.

It’s the age-old question: “What if they (the Robber Class) gave a war and nobody (the Robbed Class) showed up?” That would end their Robber Class wars for profit, wouldn’t it?

I want to close this chapter with an anecdote. I have a million of them.

A man emailed me and told me that we needed to stay in Iraq-Af-Pak until all of our enemies were dead. I asked him what threat was posed to him by the innocent children who have been killed, wounded or displaced by the hundreds of thousands in those regions? He replied to me: “They are not threats, yet, but they will grow up to be terrorists.”

This was the same rationale used by Phil Sheridan when the US was systematically exterminating the indigenous population of the continent—and I mean systematically, the carnage was not an accident—“The only good Indian is a dead Indian.”

The ironic thing is that this diseased human being that emailed me is partly correct—the longer we stay in the region and kill more innocents or destroy their countries and infrastructure, the more likely the young will grow up to hate the US and want to see this faceless idiot dead. I don’t even know what he looks like, but I can imagine, just

like the little “terrorist” can imagine what stupid Americans look like. It is a shame that the actions of a few in the Robber Class have such an obscene affect on people all over the planet.

The Robber Class media and the Robber Class government have conspired continually to hold not-so-bright people in a thrall of unjustified terror against entire populations. Back in the day, when we were frightened into hating people, at least the people we hated were usually in the military of a country.

Now, do you notice that we are urged to hate “ideologies?”

Communism, terrorism, even the horrendous bird flu: these are our enemies today.

Faceless and nameless, these are wars that can never declare victory. That’s why we “fight” them. It’s endless war for endless profit, folks.

The Robber Class makes huge profits off of fear—that’s why we’re told to fear and hate.

It’s really unfortunate that most of us fall for it.

Myth Number Fifteen:

## The Robber Class Deserves Your Money

“The flow of credit is the lifeblood of our economy.”

– **President Barack Obama**

“However mean your life is, meet it and live it:  
do not shun it and call it hard names. Cultivate poverty  
like a garden herb, like sage. Do not trouble yourself  
much to get new things, whether clothes or friends.

Things do not change, we change. Sell your clothes  
and keep your thoughts. “

– **Henry David Thoreau (Philosopher)**

“Capitalism is evil...it doesn't need to be reformed; it needs to be eliminated.”

– **Michael Moore (Filmmaker)**

I am afraid that Barack Obama has this one partially correct. Credit is the lifeblood of someone's economy—the crony Capitalist Robber Class does very nicely in the vampiric credit system.

However, I added up the top 15 credit card companies and the amount of consumer debt owed to each one and came up with approximately \$722 billion dollars (give or take a few billion). With about 304 million people in this country: that's \$2,300 plus for every man, woman and child. That is just credit card debt and I know my 19 month-old grandson, Jonah, doesn't have a credit card and neither does his one month-old sister, Jovie!

Sometimes at the G20 Pittsburgh when I was just walking around the city, or eating at a restaurant, or riding on a bus, many people would approach me, whether they knew me or not, and ask me about the G20 and tell me their stories.

Everyone had a tale of woe to tell: jobless, under-employed, homeless, insurance-less and basically hopeless. They were all down on themselves for not being in economic recovery like many talking heads in the government say we are.

We hear everyone from Obama to Ben Bernanke (chairman of the Federal Reserve) telling us that the “recession” is over and that we are on the road to economic recovery.

Well, the Robber Class economy is doing nicely, since it has had about \$18 trillion dollars pumped into it by world banks. The Robber Class economy never failed. Even CEO and other execs of failing companies have been richly rewarded for undermining the economy.

Anyway, everyone in the Robbed Class that I talk to, in Pittsburgh and elsewhere, believe that if the economy is in recovery, then there must be something wrong with them. If their household economy is not in recovery or if businesses are failing and homes are being foreclosed on and sit vacant, tired and sad, then it just must be the fault of their neighbors or town. Nothing’s sick on Wall Street—Wall Street is doing great!

No, nothing is wrong with us. We are still the hardworking, working class without work to do. Well, without work that is meaningful and pays a living wage and benefits.

A jobless recovery is not a recovery at all, and I contend that JOBS are the lifeblood of this economy. The banks are hoarding their wealth and a number of businesses have failed and are failing—in a job market that was already compromised because of Wal-Martization and “free trade” agreements.

As I write this, yesterday was October 2nd and the economic news was especially grim. I tuned into CNN in the morning just in time to see its stock market reporter, Susan Milosovic (who looked like she just lost her best friend), mourn the fact that Wall Street plummeted that day because of the September Bureau of Labor Statistics Report.

The BLS had predicted that 186,000 jobs would be lost in September, but an incredible 263,000 were. This brought the official unemployment up to a record post-Great Depression rate of 9.8%. Now these are statistics figured post-Clinton era where under-employed, people who have run out of benefits, and people who are no longer searching for work, were taken out of the statistics. If those non-working, working-class people are added in, the figure is a whopping 22%! Even at the height of the Great Depression, the figure never went above 25%. Our economy is definitely not in recovery for millions of Americans.

As one of my colleagues rightly points out, the unemployment figures will eventually have to stabilize because there will be fewer jobs to lose. Even when a person hemorrhages, he/she will eventually run out of blood if the gushing is not stopped.

Eighteen trillion dollars has so far been pumped into the Robber Class bankster economy! If you stack 18 trillion one-dollar bills, I don't know how high that would go, but it's a crap load of dough that has seemingly vanished into thin air. It obviously hasn't trickled down into our economy, probably only getting as far as their vaults where the Robbers are locking it up and throwing away the keys.

Forty-eight out of 50 of these United States are in deficit conditions. My own state, California, is \$24 billion dollars in the hole, mostly because of the economy at large, and partially because we have an inept body builder as our governor. California went to the Fed for a bailout; we were told "No, if we bailout California, then we have to bailout all the states." My answer would be that A) bailout all the states, and B) California, with one of the largest economies in the world, is too big to fail.

State and subsidiary jobs are being cut nationwide, as well as education and other services. And the amazing thing about the Feds not helping the states, is that it would take 1/18th the amount of money the banksters have already received to bailout all 48 states. That's right, one trillion dollars would save jobs and lives.

I mostly fly Southwest Airlines, and every time I am walking through airports, I get asked to apply for a Southwest Visa Card and I always reply, "No thanks, credit is evil," and I get the most surprised looks from the debt-pushers. Credit is a way of life in this country, a way of life that, if we stop it now, would seriously undermine the Robber Class Economy.

If you continue to use credit, then the only economy you are stimulating is the Robber Class's.

The Robber Class elitist pigs of this world believe that they are entitled to our labor and our money. It is purely and simply a case of entitlement. It has always been so, so the RC thinks it must always be so.

The recent gathering of the Group of 20 in Pittsburgh demonstrated Robber Class elitism of the most royal order.

The twenty contingents blew into town and were heavily fortified in their "castle" of a convention center with a "moat" of a seven-foot solid steel wall surrounding them on the sides that the real "moat" of the river did not. They were protected by storm troopers and WMD and insulated (in many cases, brutally) from the "proles" that gathered to express our opinions.

During the G20, the delegates proclaimed that they were "Masters of the Universe" and in charge of the world's economy. "In charge" of the world's economy means that the G20 is getting ready to learn how to rape us harder and pillage the planet faster.

## **CAPITALISM**

Capitalism simply means that the few oppress the many, or steal from the many for their riches and means.

Here, in America, I know you have all read the scary stats:

According to the Survey of Consumer Finances:

"The wealthiest 1% of Americans own about 34.3% of the wealth and the top 10% owns over 71% and the bottom 40% owns less than 1%."

So that leaves a very poor, poor class and an almost non-existent middle class.

After mostly just making the case that Capitalists are greedy and that's the entire problem with Capitalism, in Michael Moore's recent movie, *Capitalism, A Love Story*, he calls the system "evil" and says that it needs to be "not reformed, but 'eliminated'."

What does Michael want to replace the system with? “Democracy.”

I am not pointing out these flaws in an otherwise good movie just to point out flaws, but I am using them to illustrate some points about Capitalism and Democracy that Michael doesn't expose in his new movie.

First of all, yes, Capitalists are greedy. That's like saying that politicians lie, or the earth turns and the sun appears.

The only difference between the Robbers and we in the Robbed Class is that they just want it all and won't stop until they get it all and they have the legal and political means to do it.

Also, Michael's movie does not give Mom-and-Pop shops the credit they deserve for formerly being the “backbone” of our economy. These neighborhood businesses are Capitalist, but I believe that we should support them over multi-national corporations, for sure. There IS a difference between greedy mode and survival mode.

Another flaw in Democracy replacing Capitalism is that here in America we already have ostensible Democracy.

As I pointed out in Elections Matter, though, we do not, nor have we ever had, “one person, one vote.” Our votes are not equal.

The Robber can buy votes and buy influence.

The Robber Class Politician can out-fundraise their opponent many times over and here in America, more than nice times out of ten, the one with the most money in their coffers wins.

Here in the Robbed Class we do not have the wherewithal to destroy the world if we purchase a new car on debt, but the power of what we do as a collection of humans in one place on earth has a lot of power.

One thing that could “eliminate” Capitalism is a revolution.

As I have pointed out before, electoral reform is a pie-in-the sky goal when we are



asking the Robbers to give us back some of our power.

Ending the Federal Reserve and large banks for profit is another pie in the sky wish, because we are politely asking the Robber Class to give us back some of our money. Bringing Democracy to America is another pie in the sky endeavor, because we have to beg the Robber Class Politicians to give us a voice in our government.

How can we ask them for a voice, when they can't hear our words? They can't hear our words, read our petitions or see our marches and demos, because we don't have the millions of dollars we need to back up our demands.

Either mass direct action, like Peace of the Action (see Conclusion), or a subversive revolution are the only things that we in the Robbed Class can do to end imperialistic Capitalism—which is another aspect of Capitalism that Michael doesn't explore.

Capitalism is inherently imperialistic and racist. The countries we invade and occupy have brown, non-English speaking inhabitants who may or may not be Christian, but we don't care.

To end Capitalism, which in America is simply, Corporatism, we MUST end the racist, imperialist wars.

## **THE DEATH OF THE DOLLAR**

Since I wrote the first edition of *Myth America*, the situation of the state of our dollar has grown even more precarious. There are reports that many countries are going to trade oil in currency that is not the dollar: Arab countries in concert with Russia, Japan, China and France. Oil rich states would then trade in the currencies of China, Japan and the European Union.

What a perfect way for Arab Countries to fight against the militaristic imperialism of the United States! Undermine the dollar as the world reserve currency and you hit the Robber Class where it hurts them the most: in their wallets.

If this happens, though, and the dollar is replaced, as the world currency in such a dramatic turn of events, as the United Nations has called for, then of course, our spending power will also be dramatically undermined here in the Robbed Class.

Your dollar cannot purchase as much as it did a year ago and it will be able to purchase even less next year.

Economics is a difficult subject, and with the “Consumer Price Index” and the “GDP” and the “GNP” and “derivatives,” I don’t think we are meant to understand, but we are meant to stay confused at all times.

All I know is that if I bought something for \$20 in 2001, it now costs \$24.39. That’s an inflation rate of 21.9%.

If my great-grandpa bought something for \$20 in 1913, that same item would cost \$463.03, which is an inflation rate of 2,080%.

If my great-grandpa made the average wage in 1913, he made \$13,000 per year. The most recent year I could find stats for is 2007, and the average wage was \$41,000. So your dollar buys almost 2,100% less than in 1913 (the year the Federal Reserve was formed), but your wages have only gone up 315%?

I have called for people to trade their dollars in for durable goods, and not gold or silver, per se: but rice, beans, diapers, medicine, water; whatever you and your family needs to survive the impending turmoil.

I am not being an alarmist, or a survivalist, just a realist.



Myth Number Sixteen:

## **It's a Privilege to Pay Income Taxes to the Robber Class**

“Taxation with representation ain't so hot either.”  
– **Gerald Barzan, humorist**

“America is a land of taxation that was founded to avoid taxation.”  
– **Laurence J. Peter**

“What an English King has no right to demand,  
an English subject has a right to refuse.”  
– **John Hampden, British Revolutionary**

The American Revolution sprung from tax revolts here in the colonies.

The colonials rallied around the cries of “No taxation without representation,” and “Taxation without representation is tyranny.”

I have tried to make the case, time and again, that our so-called representatives do not represent us, they represent the corporations who pay very little, if any, taxes at all.

These are some pretty frustrating and disturbing factoids about our federal income tax. In a General Accounting Office (GAO) report in 2008, it was shown that 1.3 million US corporations (66%) and 69,000 foreign companies doing business in the US did not pay any income taxes between 1998 and 2005! Even though the corporate tax rate is 35%, somehow these corporations managed to not pay a penny, even though the

combined revenue for these same companies was \$2.5 trillion dollars over the same period!

One of the most malevolent Robber Class War Profiteers, Xe, the company formerly known as Blackwater, has raked in well over one billion of Pentagon handouts and doing its best to evade taxes. Blackwater/Xe is responsible for some of the most outrageous abuses of people and power since this nation was founded.

Mercenaries of Blackwater/Xe indiscriminately kill and torture the people of Iraq and make about six times more than our soldiers make. Not only do the paid mercenary killers make more than our soldiers, but they are also exempt from rules of engagement under the Provisional Authority, signed the day before L. Paul Bremer slunk out of Iraq under the cover of darkness—literally!

According to a letter from Congressman Henry Waxman, Democrat from Los Angeles, and chairman of the House Oversight Committee in October of 2007, to Chairman of Blackwater and Christian-arch-Conservative: [Blackwater] “may have avoided paying millions of dollars in Social Security, Medicare, unemployment, and related taxes for which it is legally responsible—Blackwater classifies its armed guards as independent contractors rather than as employees.”

Blackwater is still profiting under the Obama administration as “Xe” and, in a side note, may have been indirectly responsible for my son Casey’s death as noted in Jeremy Scahill’s groundbreaking book: Blackwater.

“Direct” representation was what our colonists fought for and what never has been achieved. We supposedly elect reps to go to DC and fight for us, but they go and grovel, cheat and steal to pass legislation to benefit, or protect, their huge campaign donors.

President Obama fights for nuclear energy, “clean coal” energy, a “public option” in health care, which is nothing more than keeping the industry profiting at our expense; and the most frightening things that Obama fights for are expanding the Military Industrial Complex and Israel.

In a move that would make Big Brother of Oceania (George Orwell’s 1984) blush in embarrassment, the Global War on Terror was declared “over;” however, just the name has been changed to “Overseas Contingency Operation (OCO).” Obama

tragically has expanded this war to where, each month, the casualties on all sides keep on expanding, sadly. We have always been fighting the OCO.

Israel keeps getting \$10 million dollars from the US per day to continue to wage its war of occupation on the people of Palestine and Obama barely gives the tragedy in Gaza any lip service.

There are at least two schools of thought about income tax avoidance: the school that a federal income tax is un-Constitutional and, therefore illegal; or that the federal income tax imposes a moral dilemma on people who don't like to finance the crimes and oppressions of the US government. I belong to the second school and I will have more to say about that later, but first let's address the Constitutionality of a Federal Income Tax.

Many opponents of an income tax will argue that a Federal Income Tax is unconstitutional. Here is the wording of the 16th Amendment to the US Constitution:

The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from what ever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration.

Now, every American who has taken a government class knows that the Robber Class Framers of the Constitution outlined ways that it could be amended. First, amendment can take place by a vote of two-thirds of both the House of Representatives and the Senate followed by a ratification of three-fourths of the various state legislatures (ratification by 38 states would be required to ratify an amendment today). This first method of amendment is the only one used to date. Second, the Constitution might be amended by a Convention called for this purpose by two-thirds of the state legislatures, if the Convention's proposed amendments are later ratified by three-fourths of the state legislatures.

The ways of amending our Constitution may understandably come as a surprise to many young people who think that it can be done by Presidential fiat, or by Presidential disregard, but that's not true.

There is much controversy about the ratification process of the 16th Amendment.

When the 16th Amendment was in the process of the state legislatures ratifying it after it was passed by two-thirds of each of the chambers of Congress, it went out to the states. At the time (1913), we had 48 states, so 38 had to ratify it.

There is supposed evidence that William Howard Taft's Secretary of State at the time, Philander Knox, wasn't too careful when he checked the certification of each state as the Taft administration was in a hurry to pass the amendment before Woodrow Wilson took power.

Having said all that, the courts have continually upheld the Constitutionality of the 16th Amendment and, in fact, if you try to defend yourself with the "un-Constitutionality" argument, you can also have an additional \$5,000 fine placed on you for "frivolous" reasons for not paying your income taxes.

Now tax evasion and tax resistance are two different things.

Tax resisters, like myself, take a moral position that we do not want our money to be used for the purposes of such things as, war, torture, environmental degradation and other immoral shit that we would not pay directly for, so why should we pay indirectly? If Obama came up to you and asked you to write a check for \$5,000 to pay for war and torture, would you give it to him? Or would you rightly refuse?

Some tax resisters go the tax evasion route to legally avoid taxes by limiting income to under the legal plateau that would require one to file. Others, like myself, simply do not file no matter how much, or little, we make.

Even though still too high, our Federal income taxes are kept artificially low by the existence of the Federal Reserve System. What the government collects in taxes from us can never stretch to pay for the bloated Federal Budget, so the government constantly borrows money from the Federal Reserve. This inflation of the currency is, naturally, passed on to the Robbed Class in the form of substantially reduced purchasing power. As stated earlier, our dollar is worth far less than it was when the Federal Reserve System was institutionalized in 1913.

This is one of the reasons that Central Banks have been invented. Even kings understood that their subjects would not want to pay more than 40 to 45% in tax rates before there was a rebellion. Central Banks allow governments to borrow

for such awful things as wars that kill the children of the Robbed Class. The Federal Reserve (as General Smedley Butler said) enabled both World Wars, Korea and Vietnam and has been instrumental in allowing the occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan to continue—the presidents can just have the Fed print the money, so our taxes can be lowered in some kind of ruse. It's a big scam!

If you feel that it's your duty to support this country in its crimes, then I suggest you learn how to game the system and as thoroughly and successfully as these Robber Class entities that take plenty away, but give nothing back.

However, I do not pay my income taxes because I do not, even in a small way, want to help finance what the government is doing.

What about the argument that we need to pay taxes for the privilege of living here in America? Well, all governments tax its citizenry, but don't we already pay taxes for the things we use?

We pay taxes for the roads with our gasoline tax and car fees; bridges with tolls; consumer goods, and state, county, and city programs, with a sales tax; etc.

Like the Beatles sang, the "taxman" even wants to tax the pennies on your eyes when you die!

I have read that over 50% of our federal tax dollars go towards paying for wars and paying off prior wars. After my son was killed in Iraq, I felt ashamed that I had been funding this cancerous system for years. It's a system that grows like a cancer and takes the lives of unsuspecting members of the Robbed Class who do not take the time to educate themselves about the disease.

However, the Grace commission found, during the Reagan years, that our tax dollars go to nothing but paying off interest on the government's debt—so you are just stoking the fire of Robber Class bankster's trust funds with your tax dollars anyway!

The approximate Pentagon Budget for 2009 is \$635 billion for the Pentagon and \$168 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. This is over \$800 billion dollars where the department of education gets \$46.7 billion! Our priorities are definitely skewed in the nation! 800 billion dollars could send every high school senior to a four-year



university! Imagine if we had a system where education was equalized for everyone, not just for the children of the Robber Class? No one would join its army—hmmm.

Imagine what else your taxes go for—you subsidize the government to torture other people. You give the government a portion of your hard earned money to spy on its own citizens. You help incarcerate people in morally bankrupt “three strikes” laws and help fight the failed war on drugs. And you guessed it, the Robber Class also benefits from the prison industrial complex and the war on drugs.

We DO NOT pay our taxes to cover every American with universal, single-payer health care or universal university education. We also do not pay our taxes to have every American housed. I would pay my taxes for these things.

With the Federal Reserve System in place, federal income taxes are only a Robber Class illusion anyway—One that keeps “We the Robbed” in a constant state of political flux. If everyone who disagreed with US foreign (and/or domestic) policy stopped filing and paying their federal income taxes, that would send quite a message!

As with a female’s right to reproductive freedom over her own body, income taxes are just a political football that is used to manipulate the masses.

Similarly, just like it’s a female’s own moral choice whether to abort her fetus, or not, it is a human’s choice whether they want to fund the crimes of the US Empire.

How do we escape from this devious game when most of us feel trapped by the Tax Man?

The conclusion will provide some suggestions.

Myth Number Seventeen:

# **Housing, Healthcare, Healthy Food and Quality Education are also Privileges**

“There is a sufficiency in the world for man's need but not for man's greed.”  
– **Mohandas K. Gandhi**

“Do not waste your time on Social Questions. What is the matter with the poor is Poverty; what is the matter with the rich is Uselessness.”  
– **George Bernard Shaw**

Over one million CHILDREN will experience homelessness in the USA this year. Almost 50 million of us are uninsured. Thirteen million CHILDREN go to bed hungry in the world every night. As awful as those statistics are, 34,000 children under the age of five die every day around the world while 1% of the world's Robber Class own 40% of the wealth!

Capitalism lives in a paradigm of scarcity. To me, it is unconscionable for some people to have over-abundance while others suffer so horribly!

After the last time I traveled to Cuba (for Human Rights Day), I got an email from a Libertarian friend of mine.

He objected after reading a piece that I wrote about the culture of Cuba. It is a beautiful country, with beautiful people who have health care and free education. Cuba has a much lower infant mortality rate than the US and is number two in the world (behind Georgia—not our state, the country) in literacy rate with an incredible 99.9% literacy.

Georgia (the country) has 100%! No one is homeless in Cuba; no one has an opulent home, but everyone has a roof over their head. I went to my office recently (when I still had one) and there was a man sleeping in the doorway of the office next door. How does this happen in America? It's the paradigm of scarcity!

Back to my Libertarian friend: he wrote to me and told me I should not support the "totalitarian" regime of the Castros, when I had done no such thing to begin with! I wrote back to him and I said something like: "Cuba is a beautiful country with beautiful people where no one is homeless, uneducated (in fact, overeducated) with health care. Wow, if that's totalitarianism, pass some of that over here!"

### **EDUCATION IS A PRIVILEGE**

"Education costs money, but then so does ignorance."

— **Sir Claus Moser**

I was particularly struck in President Obama's "non-state of the Union" address he gave before a joint session of Congress on February 24, 2009 regarding his statements about education.

He rightly said, "I know that the price of tuition is higher than ever." In 1990 it cost \$900 a semester for a state college in California—today, it costs over \$3,500. That's an increase of almost 400%, where wages have not increased anywhere near that, of course. And other necessities like books, food, shelter and transportation expenses have also skyrocketed. How are we in the Robbed Class supposed to afford this for ourselves, or our children?

Well, never fear! Obama has a plan! If "you are willing to volunteer in your neighborhood or give back to your community or serve your country, we will make sure that you can afford a higher education." When he said this, most of the Dem-bots in the Congress jumped up in unison and cheered!

My first thought was, "You dirty mother-effers!" Am I against service? No, my entire life is for service. I encourage my children to provide service to their community or to people who are less fortunate (my own children and the children that I was privileged to guide while I was a Catholic Youth Minister).

Service is great, but the problem I have with Obama's plan, is that none of the children of the members of Congress, or their partners in crime on Wall Street or in the defense industries, have to do "service," to get a college education and a damned good one. If the Robber Class requires that the children of the Robbed Class do "community service" for a college education, then ALL children should be required to do this. Just like a draft in time of a declared war, there should be no exemptions or exceptions for members of the Robber Class who believe that education is only a privilege for their children.

If Obama believed that quality education was a right for everyone, then he would not force our children to do service to make college "affordable"—notice that he didn't say "free." He is proposing a \$2500 tax credit—even if this is per year, which I can't discern—it wouldn't begin to come close to covering a year of state college in California. Another thing, what happens if you are in the poorer one-fifth of the country? What good would a \$2500 tax credit do if you don't pay that much in taxes?

For primary education, he is proposing to make education better in that we should increase standards and incentives for teachers and school administrators. This is only No Child Left Behind on steroids (Congress thinks steroids use in sports is bad, but not torture). Obama said in his speech: "But we know that our schools don't just need more resources. They need more reform. That is why this budget creates new incentives for teacher performance, pathways for advancement, and rewards for success." No, our schools have FINE and DEDICATED teachers who are using their OWN money many times to provide materials to their students.

Bullshit! Our schools need more resources, period. And in a country where we spend over one trillion dollars a year on "defense" and fewer than \$50 billion dollars a year on education, our priorities are definitely bass-akwards!

Like I have said in previous chapters, the Robber Class does not want to provide our children with a free and quality education because they would not have any cannon fodder for their military or wage slaves for the bankers.

If Cuba can provide universal university education for all of its citizens, then why can't the USA? Cuba considers education a right, not a privilege of the Robber Class, that's why!

## HOUSING IS A PRIVILEGE

"Are there no Prisons? Are there no workhouses?"

– **Ebenezer Scrooge**

I live in a city that has one of the highest homeless populations in the world. It is a tragedy to have any homeless anywhere in the world, but here in the USA it's scandalous.

The Queen of the Robber Class, Nancy Pelosi, hosted a weekend extravaganza for big donors to the Democratic Party at her palatial home in Pacific Heights, followed by a trip up to her family's vineyard in Sonoma the weekend of August 22-23. Each donor had to give a minimum of \$30,400 to the Democratic Party to be deemed worthy to be in her highness' presence.

What do donors get for their largesse to one of the Robber Class Political Parties? They get extravagant weekends and personal calls, flowers or chocolates from Pelosi. In the Tenderloin District of San Francisco (just a wee bit grungier than Pelosi and Feinstein's neighborhood) a studio apartment rents for \$1500/month. Wouldn't it be fabulous if the Robber Class paid for some homeless people to live for one year, instead of supporting a party that collaborates with the other party to create more homeless people?

The Dem/Repub support of mortgage bankers who profited from the mortgage bubble, and who had no risk when the bubble burst, are responsible for thousands and thousands of more people becoming homeless in the last year. Every seven and a half seconds in this country, a home is foreclosed. Families are being displaced from their homes while Nancy and her friends are gorging themselves and purging in their vomitoriums.

Do we have a scarcity of homes in the USA? No, we have more empty housing units than we have homeless people. What we have is a scarcity of compassion in the Robber Class.

There are an estimated one million people homeless every night. One in nine housing units are vacant in this nation—That is 18.8 million roofs, people! This means each homeless person could have over 18 roofs if members of the Robber Class were not

so callous!

Recently, an article came out in the UK Telegraph about tent cities popping up all over the nation. These tent cities are comprised of families that have lost their homes in the foreclosure crisis that was caused by the Federal Reserve System. Are the Robbers who caused this crisis sleeping in those tents? Hell, no! Even though they participated in causing the worst financial meltdown in our nation's history, the CEOs and executives of these companies are still getting millions of dollars in bonuses!

Again—how can this be right? How can members of Congress give themselves raises in this economy? The pay raises are automatic, and Congress can vote to forego them each year, but they rarely do.

Many of us who are losing our homes are just refusing to leave! That is a valid form of civil disobedience and I encourage the practice as often as possible. Why should we leave our homes and move out into the cold, when the members of the Robber Class (again, who caused the problem) still have their opulent homes...several, or many of them!

In my community, I see people sleeping in doorways, under cardboard boxes, on park benches and just right out on the sidewalks. When I talk to these brothers and sisters, they don't want a mansion up in Pac Heights next to Dianne Feinstein or Nancy Pelosi, they just want a dry, warm and safe place to sleep.

I don't think that's too much to ask. But the Robber Class does.

President Obama didn't mention the homeless once in his address before Congress, but he did mention that we wouldn't be helping people stay in their homes if they were reckless and bought houses they knew they couldn't afford! In the Media Industrial Complex the tirades are against these people, and not against the Robber Class System that enticed them with "sub-prime" mortgages.

The Robber Class knows that we all want to participate in the "American Dream" of home ownership, and with the artificially inflated housing prices, how else could some families get into their own homes? I am sure some homebuyers were irresponsible, but I think the lenders and financial "Mortgage-backed security" schemes were more irresponsible—but those people get bailed out while we lose our homes.

So, in these ways, the Robber Class believes that housing is not a right, but a privilege. Disgusting!

### **HEALTH CARE IS A PRIVILEGE**

“Health is the working man's fortune, and he ought to watch over it more than the capitalist over his largest investments. Health lightens the efforts of body and mind. It enables a man to crowd much work into a narrow compass. Without it, little can be earned, and that little by slow, exhausting toil.”

– **William Ellery Channing**

I will bet that everyone reading this Internet Booklet knows someone who has a “health care” horror story—or has their own. We all know that 50,000,000 Americans are uninsured, but what do those numbers mean?

Fifty million is more than the populations of California, Oregon, Washington and Nevada combined.

Fifty million is more than the population of almost 200 nations across the globe!  
Fifty million people are 1/6 of this nation.

Remember totalitarian Cuba?

Even Americans that are insured can get up to their eyeballs in debt because of high health care costs. My friend Donna Smith, whose health care nightmare was featured in Michael Moore’s *American SICKO*, had great health insurance and a health care savings account, but when she and her husband both became sick with chronic illnesses (cancer and genetic heart disease), they ended up losing their home and having to move in with their daughter—in her basement. But like Donna says, her family’s story is, unfortunately, not unusual!

A friends’ friend, just collapsed in his garage and spent four days in the hospital and his bill was over 100 grand and the doctors couldn’t even tell him what was wrong with him!

Not too long ago, a woman bled to death in the waiting room of the general hospital in Los Angeles, while horrified patients witnessed this and made a number of urgent

calls to 911 and to the hospital staff.

Even though many people are so “concerned” about “right-to-life” issues, America has an atrocious infant mortality rate because pre-natal care is hard to come by in poor communities, and many deliveries are also compromised because of poor pre-natal health care or overworked labor and delivery staffs in general hospitals.

A genocide of 47,000 persons every year die in the USA because they get ill or have accidents and no corresponding insurance or access to health care.

Is there a scarcity of doctors or hospitals? No, if you can pay the exorbitant fees.

Face it, people are going to die whether they are rich or poor, but infant mortality rates go way down as the income goes way up.

There is also another very devious aspect of the high cost of health and the low rate of insurance coverage. I’ve heard of cases where young people have joined the military just to get their teeth worked on! Does a child of the Robber Class have to go into four to eight years (with Individual Ready Reserve) of indentured servitude to get buck teeth straightened or rotten teeth pulled? At least our kids can have nice looking teeth when they are lying in premature coffins.

A father of a freshman high school student recently lost his job and health care and joined the Army because his wife is suffering cancer. He will leave his family and go into Uncle Sam’s carnage carnival.

Barack Obama has never once proposed universal, single-payer health care. He talks about “reform.” Reform that keeps the health insurance companies in the mix. It will come as no surprise to anyone that health insurance companies are huge campaign donors—to both Republicans and Democrats.

The “health care reform” that is being proposed in Congress is nothing more than a bailout for insurance companies and nothing but another inherent rip-off for poor people who, in order to avoid the fine for not being insured, will have to buy the cheapest and least amount of coverage they can get away with.

Access to quality health care is a basic human right that individuals in many countries



enjoy. Access to quality health care is not a basic human right here in the USA; it is a privilege for the Robber Class, and the rest of us can just go to Hell!

I think it's so ironic that Obama's plan is being criticized from the pretend opposition as being "socialist." I believe that's just a ruse to scare even thinking people away from the only good solution to the nightmare of health care in this country:—single-payer. And lead this country to a place where the "reform" is nothing but keeping the insurance companies and HMO's in the equation....

There is so much mis-information flying around about the health care reform bill in Congress.

I dislike it because it is not single-payer and will keep the industries profiting. I can't even imagine having to pay a 2.5% penalty on my income every year if I don't carry health insurance, if I am not insured by my work!

I recently read on a blog where this lady heard that "if she a "diebetic" (sic) bought anything with sugar in it, then the government would NOT let her have her insulin!" Sarah Palin said that her Downs Syndrome baby would be called in front of a "death panel," whatever the hell that is!

The industries are doing a great job of propagandizing this country literally to death and helped pay for an ad campaign last fall that promoted this "reform" in addition to the money that they have already shelled out.

The "Health" care industries have spent about \$140 million in the past few months on lobbying! Do you think we'll ever get a system that works better for us?

### **HEALTHY FOOD IS A PRIVILEGE**

"Let them eat cake!"

— **Marie Antoinette**

Today, 25,000 children under the age of five will die. They will die from disease, accidents, but most of all, from hunger. The diseases they will die from are mostly due to poverty, but some will also die in war or in the oppression of occupation.

Over one million children in our own nation go to bed hungry every night, but I suspect the 1999 stats that I found have dramatically increased.

Over-worked and exhausted mothers and fathers will drive through McDonald's on the way home from work to buy a cheap (but non-nutritious and non-filling) meal for the children.

Over-worked and exhausted mothers and fathers will buy expensive, pre-packaged food laden with fat and sodium for the convenience and to save time.

Organic food is a luxury that few of us can afford and it's hard to find the time to prepare healthy food in a healthy way, especially if it's "cook's night off."

Our brothers and sisters in Mexico are being pushed off of their lands because "Free" trade agreements like NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) require Mexico to purchase corn from the United States while their cities are crowded by unemployed farm laborers who try to find their way to the US (or used to before the jobs dried up) to try and earn money to feed their children.

Here in America, growing food for fuel is more lucrative than growing food for eating. There could be an over-abundance of food if "free" trade agreements were abolished and we used our land to grow grain to feed people, not graze or feed beef cattle. Grazing cattle require one acre of land per animal. The grain grown on this one acre of land could feed a family of four for 10 years!

The economy of scarcity, not just here in the states, but all over the world, prevents 100% food security.

The only reason we humans need shelter and clothing are to protect ourselves from the elements, but healthy food and clean water are the bare minimum of basic human rights.

It should be hard to choke down an extra hotdog when one thinks of 24,000 children dying all over the world, or one million children closer to home going to bed with hunger pains wracking their little bellies.

But the Robber Class keeps on stuffing its fat face with our children's share.

The reason the Robber Class gets away with stuffing its fat face with its share AND our share is because we are told time and time again, that if we don't have one of these things, that are really just basic human rights, then THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH US!

That's the biggest pile of horse crap ever—there's something deeply wrong with the system that denies its citizens the most basic of comforts.

## Myth Number Eighteen:

# Gay Marriage Destroyed My Hetero Marriage

“No presidential candidate can win a presidential election advocating gay marriage.”

– **Dick Morris**

"On the issue of gay marriage, I believe that if people want to have private ceremonies that's fine. I do not believe that gay marriages should be legal."

– **John McCain**

“Marriage is between a man and a woman.”

– **Barack Obama**

In the 2004 election, constitutional amendments to ban gay marriage were on the ballots of eleven states: George Bush won nine of those states, most notably Ohio.

Did the “horrible” specter of people of the same gender actually partaking in something that is just a construct of society really scare people so much that the social conservatives flocked to the polls to vote for bans, and while they were there, they decided to pull the lever, or punch the hole for the Idiot from Texas? The jury is out on that one, but wedge issues do what they are designed to do: drive a wedge between people and common sense.

I am not going to waste my time arguing the morality or immorality of same gender marriage. I am not really in favor of marriage. I think marriage is an anachronistic institution that has no place in a modern world. I think people should cohabitate as

they see fit, or not—especially in love relationships where children are involved, but, seriously folks—none of this is our business!

Of course a man should be free to marry a man or a woman should be free to marry a woman—and a man and a woman should be free to marry, even. This kind of adult consensual love is not deviant or disordered.

I always say in my talks if gays want to be miserable like heteros have been for a millennium, then they should have that right. Just kidding...kind of.

Gay marriage does not undermine straight marriage. Straight marriage undermines straight marriage.

The divorce rate skyrocketed in the 70s and 80s before institutional gay marriage was a gleam in anybody's eye and has since stabilized, probably due to the fact that more people are deciding to cohabitate instead of marry. The high divorce rate during those decades is due way more to the "no-fault" divorce than any impending "Gay crisis."

Both Obama and McCain claim some vague mythical proscription against same gender marriage. A position that should not even be anywhere close to any public discussion, as I have said before, but the point is that such fundamentalist posturing leads to some deep psychosis in this country that we are a "Christian Nation." This misconception and misdirection allows our misleaders to claim that Jesus would want us to bomb Muslims and that Israel has the existential right to bomb Palestinians.

My son, Casey, was killed in Iraq in 2004—in April before the primaries were finished. Even though John Kerry was the Democratic nominee, I thought he was far superior to George Bush (not any more), so I worked against George Bush with all my might and all my heart.

I thought then that George Bush was responsible for Casey's death, now I know it's the system. So, I was appalled that most of my friends in Vacaville, California were going to vote for George Bush.

As Catholics, what do you think they're reason was? You got it! Because George Bush was "pro-life."

When I would point out to them that Casey had a life and we would be happy if Bush didn't murder him, they would make it obvious that unborn life was more important than Casey's and the rest.

Again, I am not going to argue the rightness or wrongness of abortion, because I am pro-life, too.

I just think that life outside of the womb should have a high priority on funds for education (sex and otherwise), housing, health care and jobs. I also think that we should care enough about our live children and young people to make sure they aren't sent to die/kill in war; or go to be hungry every night like one million of our children do every night.

I think the women who conceive are the ones who have the only moral authority to make the decision on whether to carry a baby to term or not. In all cases, it's the woman's choice, and again, no one else's business.

So, my "friends" voted for George Bush and for six years of his presidency he had a Republican Congress, and although he put restrictions on funding for abortions, birth control and late-term abortions and emphasized (against common sense and historical fact) abstinence—Roe v. Wade was NOT overturned...hmmmm?

True story—in the recent "health" care bill that the House just passed, the Democrats put severe restrictions on a woman's right to reproductive freedom over her own body. The villains did they by prohibiting insurance companies to provide coverage for abortions in the new "public option" scandal.

Although same gender marriage and abortion are wedge issues that are emotionally based, in my opinion, the biggest wedge issue now is: "National Security."

I saw old women weeping during the presidential campaign because if that Muslim Obama was elected, then we would be attacked—like we were when that "Christian" Bush was in office—and every Muslim Jihadist with a turban and a nuke in a suitcase would come to America and kill us in our sleep and rape the women and eat the babies and women here in America may have to start wearing burqas, and how would Jesus like that?

Of course, I am being a little silly, but how many people out there think like this?

I have had several emails to me personally thanking Casey for dying so women wouldn't have to wear burqas here in America—well, Sisters, I would gladly put on a burqa myself if it would bring my son back, but obviously, this is an insane scare tactic.

As a peace activist, I was appalled at Obama's hostile rhetoric. Of course McCain's didn't surprise me, nor did Obama's, but I guess what I was appalled at the most was the fact that other "peace people" told me to: "Relax, Cindy, he's just saying those things to get elected and when he's elected, he will do the right thing."

The wedge issue of National Security is a deadly one, because as we saw, even "progressives" buy into it and no matter who is president, he will be "strong" on National Security, because his masters will demand it. There has never been a president who hasn't been owned or groomed by someone.

Well, the Nobel Peace Laureate, Obama, has proven that he wasn't just saying "those things" to get elected, and that he is every bit as bought and beholden by and to the Military Industrial Complex as McCain, Bush or Clinton.

This passage is from a speech that Obama gave in 2007—except for referring to Bush, and his "mistakes" in the war on terror, it looks remarkably like a speech Bush could have given:

Just because the President misrepresents our enemies does not mean we do not have them. The terrorists are at war with us. The threat is from violent extremists who are a small minority of the world's 1.3 billion Muslims, but the threat is real. They distort Islam. They kill man, woman and child; Christian and Hindu, Jew and Muslim. They seek to create a repressive caliphate. To defeat this enemy, we must understand who(sic) we are fighting against, and what we are fighting for.

The President would have us believe that every bomb in Baghdad is part of al Qaeda's war against us, not an Iraqi civil war. He elevates al Qaeda in Iraq—which didn't exist before our invasion—and overlooks the people who hit us on 9/11, who are training new recruits in Pakistan. He lumps together groups with very different goals: al Qaeda and Iran, Shiite militias and Sunni insurgents. He confuses our mission.

Does this sound like the rhetoric of a man who is “soft on terror?”

Not to me, it doesn’t!

On December 1, 2009, Obama made a speech at West Point outlining his “new” strategy for “ending” the occupation (although everyone in his administration insists that we are not occupying Afghanistan), is to send 30,000 more troops. This is not a “surge,” it’s a major escalation. Doesn’t the word “surge” sound kind of nice? For example, I was out in the ocean, floating on my raft, and a surge of gentle waves rocked me to sleep. Bullshit—it’s the Vietnamization of Afghanistan and Barack Obama is not a reincarnation of Abraham Lincoln, FDR, or JFK—he’s LBJ all over again.

Folks, we’ve seen this movie before and the ending doesn’t get any better!

So while we in the Robbed Class are worrying about who marries who and fighting about protecting unborn babies and not caring about born babies (here and abroad), the real culprits who use the wedge issues are literally getting away with murder.

## **LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) Pride (1978)**



**Source Wikipedia:** The rainbow flag, sometimes called 'the freedom flag', was popularized as a symbol of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) pride and diversity by San Francisco artist Gilbert Baker in 1978. The different colors symbolize diversity in the gay community, and the flag is used predominantly at gay pride events and in gay villages worldwide in various forms including banners, clothing and



jewelry. For the 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall riots, held in 1994 in New York city, a mile-long rainbow flag was created and post-parade cut up in sections that have since been used around the world.

Originally created with eight colors, pink and turquoise were removed for production purposes and as of 2008, it consists of six colored stripes, which should always be displayed with red on top or to left. It is most commonly flown with the red stripe on top, as the colors appear in a natural rainbow. Aside from the obvious symbolism of a mixed LGBT community, the colors were designed to symbolize: red (life), orange (healing), yellow (sunlight), green (nature), blue (harmony), and purple/violet (spirit). The removed colors stood for sex (pink) and art/magic (turquoise). Another presumed origin is the song *Over the Rainbow*, synonymous with gay icon Judy Garland, whose film *The Wizard of Oz* has often been interpreted as an allegory of gay coming out.

Myth Number Nineteen:

# The Death Penalty is a Deterrent

“I believe that people would be alive today if there were a death penalty.”

– **Nancy Reagan**

“America has the longest prison sentences in the West, yet the only condition long sentences demonstrably cure is heterosexuality.”

– **Bruce Jackson**

## “TOP TEN” LIST OF MURDEROUS STATES IN 2008

Country 2008	Total Executions		Country / State 2008	Total Executions	Population ( Millions )	Executions Per Million Inhabitants
China	1718 +	1	Iran	346+	65.9	5.25
Iran	346 +	2	Saudi Arabia	102+	28.1	3.63
Saudi Arabia	102 +	3	China	1718+	1,317.1	1.30
USA	37	4	Libya	8+	6.2	1.29
Pakistan	36 +	5	Iraq	34+	28.2	1.21
Iraq	34 +	6	Texas, USA	18	24.3	0.74
Vietnam	19 +	7	North Korea	15+	22.6	0.66
Afghanistan	17 +	8	Afghanistan	17+	27.7	0.61
North Korea	15 +	9	Yemen	13+	22.2	0.59
Japan	15	10	Virginia, USA	4	7.8	0.51

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Do you notice anything interesting about this gruesome “Top Ten?” I notice a few things.

First of all, George Bush's "Axis of Evil" countries: Iran, Iraq and North Korea are right up there with the US in the total number, and if one looks at executions per capita, George's state ranks sixth in the world.

Each and every country in the "Top Ten" also have a particular distinction in that the US has either been at cold war, hot war, or has supported a violent regime in the country.

Right now, as you are reading this, we are bombing Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan and threatening Iran and North Korea. Saudi Arabia is a violently oppressive state where women are treated like chattel (some would say we are occupying Afghanistan "for the women") and is an ally of the US. China owns the USA and Japan has been militarily occupied by the US since 1945.

The USA possesses such an overwhelming culture of death that very few people find it duplicitous to accuse the other countries on the list of violating human rights when we execute more people than not only the six countries below us on this Hall of Shame, but the rest of the world that doesn't have the dubious distinction of being on the list. No countries in Western Europe still have the death penalty, and in fact were all ahead of the US in abolishing the evil institution of slavery without even having to resort to a bloody civil war. The Russian Federation (the Old "Evil Empire") has had a moratorium for over a decade and Belarus was the only Eastern European country to carry out an execution in 2008.

Why is there still a death penalty in the United States, when it is certainly not a deterrent and to execute a prisoner is about six times what it costs to incarcerate one for life?

There are a few factors that contribute to this culture of death. First of all, I think, has to be the culture of revenge, even though the reactionary Christians have claimed this country as their own—apparently their God is a very violent and vengeful God. Many people who write to me to attack me for my peace views end their emails with: "I will pray for you."

We were attacked on 9-11 by 19 people (if you believe the official lie) so what did we do in return? We invaded two countries that did not attack us on that day, or ever, and we have killed or injured hundreds of times more innocent people than were killed

here on 9-11.

The Old Testament says “thou shall not kill,” but when a family member of a reactionary Christian is killed, he or she is the first one to scream for the accused murderer’s blood. Jesus Christ (who Christianity was named for), clearly said do not pay back wrong for a wrong.

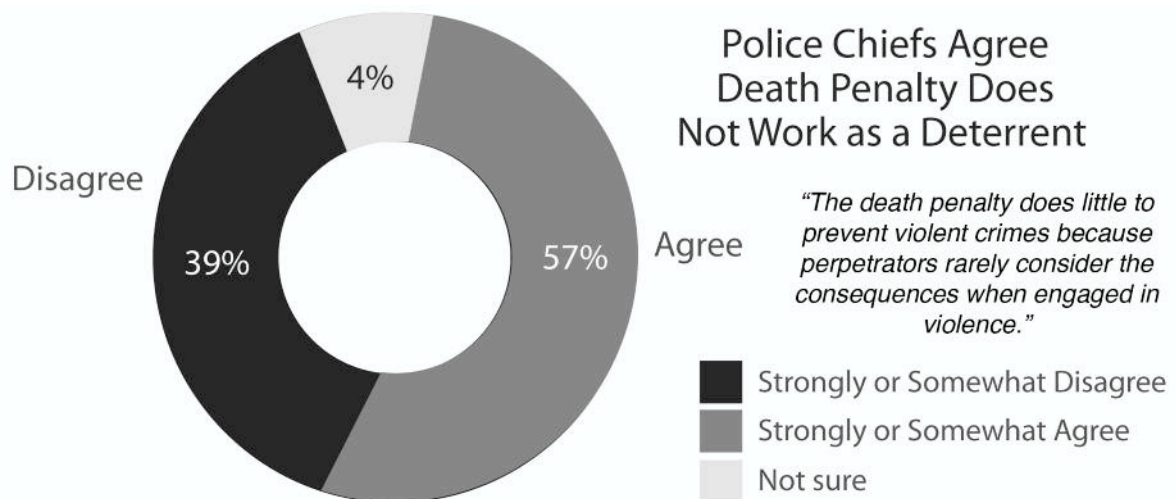
Jesus actually said that if you do not forgive your brother (or sister), then God would not forgive you. Jesus allegedly forgave his murderers from the cross, but the bloodthirsty Christians follow the God of the Old Testament and want 200 Arabic eyes for every one American.

I think the second reason that the USA is still uncivilized with regards to the death penalty is because this country is so in love with violence: it’s in our movies, it’s in our video games, it’s on our televisions, in our homes, in our streets, in our schools, in our malls and is THE key component of US foreign policy.

We can count on the US to react with violence or threats of violence when a foreign policy issue comes up.

The Federal Budget allotment for education in this nation is \$62.6 billion dollars for 2009 and the Pentagon’s budget is 10 times more.

If you go to a movie theater, even if the movie you watch isn’t violent, you can be



guaranteed that there will be a recruitment commercial. I am always dismayed when I watch commercial TV and Madison Avenue slickly sells violence to our kids by making it seem like the US military is one long and cool music video experience.

Polls show that over 65% of Americans want the death penalty abolished and the graph below says it all (Source: *Death Penalty Information Center*.)

Looky at this! Police Chiefs think increasing social programs and reducing guns on the streets is a far more affective deterrent to violent crime than the death penalty.

The Robber Class Prison-Industrial-Complex is in charge of this debate, just like the Military-Industrial-Complex is in charge of our Foreign Policy.

An anti-death penalty website/group called: ***Critical Resistance*** defines the Prison-Industrial-Complex as:

The prison industrial complex (PIC) is a complicated system situated at the intersection of governmental and private interests that uses prisons as a solution to social, political, and economic problems. The PIC depends upon the oppressive systems of racism, classism, sexism, and homophobia. It includes human rights violations, the death penalty, industry and labor issues, policing, courts, media, community powerlessness, the imprisonment of political prisoners, and the elimination of dissent.

The United States has 5% of the planet's population and incarcerates about 25% of the total amount of people imprisoned all over the world (eerily similar to the amount of resources we use, too, right?) In 1990 there were one million people in our prisons, today there are 2.3 million and growing.

China is number two in incarcerations and has 500,000 fewer than the US with over five times the amount of people in its country.

Why are so many people in prisons here in the US? Because it's profitable.

Setting aside the over 100 private prisons for profit in here in the US, prisoners are used as virtual slave labor for many industries, but the biggest user of prison labor is, of course, the Military Industrial Complex.

The crappy education system in the US pulls double duty for the Robber Class—along with the socio-economic inequality (the UN recently ranked the US third behind Hong Kong and Singapore as having the widest income disparity), and trains soldiers and prisoners alike. Kind of like Schindler’s List where concentration camp inmates were making bullets for the Nazis, isn’t it?

According to the *Left Business Observer*, Prison Labor constructs 100% of all helmets, ammo belts, bullet-proof vests, ID tags, shirts, pants, tents, bags and canteens for the US military.

Thirty-seven of the fifty states contract Prison Labor out and 13 states have inhumane Three Strike’s laws that fill up prisons for the Robber Class.

State prisons mostly pay their slaves, oops I mean inmates, the prevailing state minimum wage, but still those wages are much lower than the companies would normally pay because the work is usually technical (37% of our household appliances are built by prisoners and computer tech companies also make great use of the slaves), and the companies do not have to give benefits to the prisoners, because we, the tax paying citizens of each state, provide health care to the prisoners.

Private prisoners get far less, sometimes 17 cents an hour, but even the best paid prisoner in a private prison only makes 50 cents an hour for highly skilled work.

### **PUNITIVE V. REHABILITATIVE**

In my own state of California, recidivism is the highest in the nation at 70%! In a so-called Blue State, we treat our prisoners very poorly.

In the 1980s, the prison population of this state was a reasonable 20,000, but since we passed tough-on-crime laws, it has swelled to 167,000.

In referendums passed by the “progressive” voters of California, prison sentences for non-violent drug offenders and those, in my opinion, un-Constitutional and unconscionable “Three-Strikes” laws, were passed as well as punitive incarceration laws.

Rehabilitation of prisoners has proven to be far more affective, and cheaper, at reducing

recidivism.

It is estimated to cost \$29,000 for one prisoner for one year, and if just a few more dollars were added on, maybe \$1,200.00/year, rehabilitation could take place, which would be cheaper in the long run because chances are the prisoner would not be returning within the year.

The Jesus that the reactionary Christians want to forget about said that all people who love God should: “Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, and visit the imprisoned.”

What a radical Jesus.

I used to be a devout follower of the Jesus who encouraged his followers to forgive and to perform what the Catholic Church calls: “Corporal works of mercy,” but it seems like here in the USA we have forgotten what mercy is.

### **THE PHONY WAR ON DRUGS**

“As long as the government can arbitrarily decide which substance are legal and which are illegal, then those who remain behind bars for illegal substances are political prisoners.”

– **Paul Krassner**

“Make the most of the Indian Hemp Seed and sow it everywhere.”

– **George Washington**

Besides Three Strikes laws and harsh sentencing for non-violent offenders, the US also fights an international War on Drugs!

Many people believe that the invasion and occupation of Iraq was for control of that nation’s oil.

Many people believe that the war in Afghanistan is for the TAPI pipeline to run from Turkmenistan to Pakistan, Afghanistan and India.

With the recent news, that was actually printed in the USA’s paper of Pentagon



Propaganda the New York Times, the brother of the Afghan US puppet, Hamid Karzai, is one of the troubled country's biggest drug lords and is also on the payroll of the CIA.

Now you would have thought that this would have been huge news. The poppy/opium business had almost been eradicated in Afghanistan after the Soviet's try at subduing the country, and today, it's the biggest business in Afghanistan. According to the July 31, 2009 issue of Newsweek, a three billion dollar a year (\$52 billion, retail on the streets) boon is also funding a booming weapons trade. With CIA backing and worldwide craving for heroin, the abomination of Af-Pak can literally go on forever to the delight of the drug lords in the USA.

The US Army has literally spent billions of dollars on the phony drug war in Afghanistan, and in July, also according to the Newsweek article, the eradication program is over and the US is focusing on the "nexus" between the opium and weapons trade, which is an industry that the US Robber Class profits richly from.

The phony war on drugs is also enriching the Robber Class Drug Machine in the US via Mexico.

With the violence in Mexico, the US has been able to sell the government there billions of dollars of helicopters and other paraphernalia to "eradicate" the problem down there, but everything we do actually just reinforces the violence. President Obama has proclaimed that he can send US troops south of the border if he thinks the chaos is a threat to US "national security." This is a new twist to the Monroe Doctrine—the Obama Corollary!

As I wrote in the chapter on wedge issues, using the convenient excuse of "national security" is only just a flimsy excuse to make We the Sheeple accept anything no matter how crazy it sounds.

The War on Drugs is just as phony as the War on Poverty and the War on Terror: The Robber Class profits while we pay and die.

These so-called Wars will never end because the enemy is fake-believe and not fabricated to be defeated.



The “War on Poverty” has been going on since the 60s with only an increase in poverty. As pointed out previously, the US now has the third greatest income disparity in the world behind only Hong Kong and Singapore.

Tricky Dick coined the phrase “War on Drugs” in the 70s and since we have been fighting this war, “illicit” drug use and production has only increased.

The events of 9-11 gave birth to the latest phony war: “The War on Terror,” which has murdered millions of people so far and led to so many losses of our freedoms and security here in America, that most of us are convinced that the only way to end it is to throw more money, personnel, resources and energy into it, when these are the exact measures the Robber Class is using to increase hatred for the US around the world.

These so-called Wars won’t end because the Robber Class is profiting from all of them.

Myth Number Twenty:

# The Environment, Who Needs it?

“How can the spirit of the earth like the white man?  
Everywhere the white man has touched it, it is sore.”

– **Anonymous Wintu Woman**

“But to truly transform our economy, protect our security, and save our planet from the ravages of climate change, we need to ultimately make clean, renewable energy the profitable kind of energy. So I ask this Congress to send me legislation that places a market-based cap on carbon pollution and drives the production of more renewable energy in America. And to support that innovation, we will invest fifteen billion dollars a year to develop technologies like wind power and solar power; advanced bio-fuels, clean coal, and more fuel-efficient cars and trucks built right here in America.”

– **Barack Obama (in address to Congress)**

“Clean coal is a dirty lie.”

– **Robert Kennedy, Jr.**

Since I wrote my first edition of *Myth America* the Robber Class Congress passed a piece of what it called “Major Environmental Legislation” that many true environmentalists think is, at best, a disaster for our planet.

HR 2454, the so-called American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 was another boondoggle of legislation that, at almost 1000 pages, was not even read by most of the Robber Class Congress before narrowly passing. Of course, in true “good cop, bad cop” fashion, most “Democrats” voted “Yea” and most “Republicans” voted “Nay.”

Dennis Kucinich (D-Oh) actually read the bill and does a marvelous analysis of why he voted no and why the bill sucks (not his word, mine).

Dennis, a friend of peace and a friend of the environment had this to say:

“I oppose H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009. The reason is simple. It won’t address the problem. In fact, it might make the problem worse.

It sets targets that are too weak, especially in the short term, and sets about meeting those targets through Enron-style accounting methods. It gives new life to one of the primary sources of the problem that should be on its way out—coal—by giving it record subsidies. And it is rounded out with massive corporate giveaways at taxpayer expense. There is \$60 billion for a single technology, which may or may not work, but which enables coal power plants to keep warming the planet at least another 20 years.

“Worse, the bill locks us into a framework that will fail. Science tells us that immediately is not soon enough to begin repairing the planet. Waiting another decade or more will virtually guarantee catastrophic levels of warming. But the bill does not require any greenhouse gas reductions beyond current levels until 2030.

“Today’s bill is a fragile compromise, which leads some to claim that we cannot do better. I respectfully submit that not only can we do better; we have no choice but to do better. Indeed, if we pass a bill that only creates the illusion of addressing the problem, we walk away with only an illusion. The price for that illusion is the opportunity to take substantive action.

I would especially like to address one of Dennis’ concerns that is a concern of mine and should be a concern of everyone that cares about a sustainable future—in his analysis, Dennis points this out:

“The offsets undercut the emission reductions. Offsets allow polluters to keep polluting; they are rife with fraudulent claims of emissions reduction; they create environmental, social, and economic unintended adverse consequences; and they codify and endorse the idea that polluters do not have to make sacrifices to solve the problem.”

“Offsets,” or “Cap and Trade” is defined by Wikipedia as:

*Emissions trading (or emission trading) is an administrative approach used to control pollution by providing economic incentives for achieving reductions in the emissions of pollutants. It is sometimes called cap and trade.*

*A central authority (usually a government or international body) sets a limit or cap on the amount of a pollutant that can be emitted. Companies or other groups are issued emission permits and are required to hold an equivalent number of allowances (or credits), which represent the right to emit a specific amount. The total amount of allowances and credits cannot exceed the cap, limiting total emissions to that level. Companies that need to increase their emission allowance must buy credits from those who pollute less. The transfer of allowances is referred to as a trade. In effect, the buyer is paying a charge for polluting, while the seller is being rewarded for having reduced emissions by more than was needed. Thus, in theory, those who can easily reduce emissions most cheaply will do so, achieving the pollution reduction at the lowest possible cost to society.*

The significance of Cap and Trade to this chapter, as well as in a book about the Robber Class, is the fact that a member of the Robber Class, who has inexplicably become a hero to the Robbed Class, is Al Gore. Al Gore is a partner in a company that will profit off of Cap and Trade.

Besides Al Gore profiting off the degradation of the environment, he showed his true Robber Class allegiance when he allowed the Supreme Court to crown George Bush president in 2000.

Al Gore will say that all of the proceeds HE makes go towards his non-profit that helps the environment: (<http://tiny.cc/pnFuK>). Umm—I have a non-profit that is for peace. Al Gore profiting off the degradation of the environment is exactly like me profiting off of building nukes to fund my non-profit for peace. It’s a disgusting Robber Class bait and switch.

I agree with the President about clean, renewable energy...wholeheartedly, but what I (and many experts) disagree on are some of the energies he deems are “clean.”

Bio-fuels and coal are not clean. They never have been and never will be.

The process of converting food to energy is dangerous and energy expensive.

It is so amazing (not really—more like predictable) that the President pushes “clean coal” technology when, first of all, like Bobby Kennedy, Jr. states—there is no such thing as clean coal—it’s a Myth! Obama gets a lot of monetary support from that industry. In West Virginia the tops of ancient and beautiful mountains are being blown off to extract coal .... so, how can that ever be “clean?”

Many large agri-monopolies are growing corn for fuel and displacing crops that could be feed hungry people.

Every dollar this nation wastes on coal and food energy could be better channeled towards real renewable and clean energy: solar, wind and geo-thermal.

As for more “fuel efficient” cars, when the US Congress, under the mis-leadership of Reid and Pelosi, updated the minimum required miles per gallon standard to 35 MPG by 2020, I spoke out that it was “way too little, far too late!”

Automobiles could run on electricity and dramatically reduce the problem of carbon emissions from the tail pipes of our cars. However, the oil companies, always in collusion with the auto companies, put the kybosh on that years ago!

Carbon emissions are not the only thing that is de-spoiling our planet. The Military Industrial Complex is one of the biggest polluters in the world.

Every place our military has a base there is a toxic waste dump, and the Pentagon is one of the world’s biggest users/wasters of fossil fuels. Many of the gargantuan war machines do not measure usage in miles per gallon, but gallons per mile! We are running out of fossil fuels and the demand is not going down. Demand did go down when gas was over \$4/gallon, but that trend was quickly reversed and the Robbers put gas back at a price where we could afford not to conserve.

Rivers, oceans, lakes and reservoirs are contaminated with some of the world’s worst disease producing chemicals known to humans. We can’t even eat fish caught from some our waters.

Who contaminated these precious bodies of water? Yep—companies of the Robber Class!

Catastrophic climate change is not a myth or scare tactic. Yes, there have always been dramatic changes in weather patterns, but the introduction of man-made pollutants may hasten demise of human life on our Space Ship, and it is, again, a wonder to me that the Robbers are willing to kill the planet for their children and grandchildren to squeeze the last buck out of finite resources.



Conclusion:

# Revolution!

“When in the course of human events...”  
– **Declaration of Independence**

“No one is more hopelessly enslaved than  
those who falsely believe they are free.”  
– **Thomas Jefferson**

“When the power of love overcomes the  
love of power, the world will know peace.”  
– **Jimi Hendrix**

This book is written with the intention of educating and inspiring, not angering or inflaming. I am only reporting on the mess—I am only 1/300 millionth responsible for it!

What is—is. As I pointed out in the introduction, the system we have is the system we have always had. It is up to us to change it; because the “great” institutions of the system will not change without a dedicated and profound Robbed Class struggle.

The system has the momentum of the system behind it and in reality that is a mighty force to reckon with. In my opinion, it will not be changed by a big event (because big events, such as 9-11 or economic collapses, will only cause more Police State oppression by the Robber Class to the Robbed Class), but by little actions undertaken by many people. We may not be able to bring down the Federal Reserve or overthrow the government, but we can make our own little part of the world as free as possible from those oppressions.



We, as Americans—but above all, as human beings—have every right to throw off the shackles of the oppressor.

As I have demonstrated in this Internet book, the Robber Class HAS NEVER, DOES NOT NOW, and NEVER WILL have our best interests at heart. The Robber Class doesn't even have a human heart—its heart is profit and its lifeblood is the real blood of our children and grandchildren.

Let's get down to basics—we not only have the basic human right to overthrow the oppressors, but we have the righteous DUTY to do so. We owe a debt to our progeny, but as responsible humans we have a responsibility to pay down some of the Karmic debt we have accrued over the ages as denizens of this continent—ancestors of murder and life-long, co-dependence with the Robber Class. To keep from being co-defendants in the universal oneness of life—rebellion is the only way.

I have many Libertarian friends who would disagree with me and claim that our responsibility ends at the end of our nose. They argue with me all the time and tell me that we have no moral obligation to our brothers and sisters; and these people (although I love them) think that we can live in anarchical societies without some kind of shared social responsibilities. I believe we can live in anarchical societies without the oppression or theft of Big Brother—but only when we share the common ground of our commonalities, not the “hoard” mentalities of the Robber Class.

I also believe we have every basic human right to defend ourselves by whatever means necessary against any kind of violence, but am I calling for an armed insurrection? Hardly, and only because I don't think it's possible or probable that an armed revolution would be successful. And, as in all armed conflicts, many innocents get caught, intentionally or unintentionally, in the crossfire. Do you realize that the Robber Class has devastating weapons of mass destruction and is not afraid to use them on us?

I am not going to promote actions that will purport to change the Robber Class. I know I have not been trying very long (just under five years, since my son was killed), but I have studied history and the history of movements. Such systemic changes take generations, and we do not have years, let alone “generations,” to affect these urgently needed changes.

We could talk about sending petitions or emails to Congress asking for such things as foreclosure/eviction moratoriums; prison for the Wall Street banksters instead of bonuses; a new 9-11 commission; single-payer health care; smaller classroom sizes or more teachers; election finance reform—whatever—but, ultimately, the Robber Class always supports, enriches and feeds its own. So it's time that the Robbed Class starts supporting the Robbed Class and not the Robbers, as we are accustomed!

There is nothing new in most of my solutions and some are already being practiced with great success.

What is new is the urgency with which these Robbed Class reforms must be instituted so that we can become the Independent Class—the Class that refuses to be exploited or robbed any longer! I want us to be the Class that sticks up its middle finger and gives a collective “EFF YOU!” to the Other Class that believes it has some kind of existential privilege to steal our wealth, our land, our Public Commons and our children.

This is a scary, yet exciting, time to be alive. Our children and our children's children may be the witnesses and the beneficiaries of a new nation that cares more about people than profits.

This all sounds awfully communistic, but it is a people's communism in the most pure sense of the word. Not a statist communism, but a humanism that recognizes that we are all on this Spaceship Earth together, and as the Longshore Workers say, “An injury to one is an injury to all.”

But, as I have tried to demonstrate in this book, “Uber-Prosperity for one precludes any kind of prosperity for many,” which is an even more important concept in the callous Capitalism of the West.

There are some very simple revolutionary acts that we can employ to start taking back some of our own wealth.

The first thing we must all do is Declare our Independence from the Robber Class.

So raise your glass of beer, sparkling wine, apple-juice, tap water, cheap champagne, or cup of fair-trade coffee and repeat after Cindy:

*I (your name)—no smart assiness here either. Don't read YOUR NAME; say your name—*

*Hereby declare before (god, goddess, Jesus Christ, the air, the spirit of Michael Jackson or Thomas Jefferson, your dog or cat, computer screen, mirror, Copy of Alinsky's Rules for Radicals—whatever),*

*That I will no longer be a co-dependent slave with the Robber Class;*

*That I will coalesce into communities of love, protection, justice and peace to help shield me and my loved ones from the violence of the Robber Class, but to also grow healthy communities of tribal care and concern and to help create a better world where everyone is helped by me reducing my carbon footprint and my allegiance to all humanity;*

*AND to accomplish all this—*

*I will do everything humanly possible to divorce myself from the Robber Class systems of—banking, food, credit, media, environment, education, health care, elections, taxation and, most of all, war.*

## **CHAPTER ONE**

**Myth:** America is the best nation in the universe.

**Reality:** America is an Evil Corporate Empire.

How do we break free of this Robber Class Myth? It is hard because this is where we live—we have been raised on the Exceptionalism of Empire or with blind Political Party loyalty. I am dismayed at how many people there are still attacking me for being against Obama's (now) three escalations in Afghanistan. These same people would be up in arms if it was Bush doing the same thing—or they would be out in the streets if McCain were sitting in the "Offal" Office doing the same thing.

To break free of this Myth, we need to do some studying.

I would recommend several books:

*The Sorrows of Empire* by Chalmers Johnson

*A People's History of the United States* by Howard Zinn  
*Diary of an Economic Hit Man* by John Perkins Shock  
*Doctrine* by Naomi Klein  
*Peace Mom* by Cindy Sheehan (shameless plug)  
*1984* by George Orwell  
Any book by Gore Vidal

The one damning piece of evidence that, in my opinion, convinces me of Robber Class collusion is its absolute refusal to hold itself accountable.

We in the Robbed Class should never give up working for accountability. There's an old saying that "Justice delayed is justice denied." However, I say, "Justice denied is a freaking disgrace," and if the Robber Class won't imprison George Bush, et al, then we should put them in prisons of OUR making.

BushCo should be harassed wherever they go from now until eternity. Wherever one of them is, at least one of us should be there, too. We should hold signs and scream in bullhorns at them and let them know that WE won't ever forget their perfidy. It is already happening, and I don't suspect it will simmer down soon.

Since I wrote the First Edition of *Myth America*, I have participated in two protests outside of George Bush's new Dallas home, and he has been "greeted" with protests whenever he has ventured out.

The one thing that I don't get is why Dick Cheney is allowed to roam around spewing his garbage on cable news shows almost every Sunday? Let's get smarter about this and make the Master of Evil's life a little more hell on earth!

Here are organizations I urge you to support that are working for accountability:

Center for Constitutional Rights  
ImprisonBush.com  
AfterDowningStreet.org  
WorldCantWait.org  
CindySheehansSoapbox.com

## **CHAPTER TWO**

**Myth:** One Person Cannot Make a Difference.

**Reality:** Duh!

The only thing I think is necessary for the Robbed Class Revolution to occur here in the States is a “pep talk.”

We need a Head Cheerleader (“Ready? Okay!”). One who doesn’t just shout hollow platitudes of “Hope and Change” read off a teleprompter from his safety of opulent comfort.

We don’t need a fake community organizer to try and organize us into Acceptable (to the Robber Class) Actions that might win you a Nobel Peace Prize or CNN “*Hero of the Year*.”

We need someone who leads by example. Someone who has survived some horrific sacrifices and tries to live their lives with the utmost integrity and honor—a person just like you—doing things just like you and living a real life in the real world that doesn’t include servants, bulletproof limos, and round-the-clock protection!

Right this second, I am sitting in the steerage section of UA flight 900 heading to Oslo, Norway to join the Peace Initiative there to protest the fact that a War Prez has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. I will get to Frankfurt, Germany too late to make my connecting flight because of a “mechanical issue” with the plane in San Francisco. I carried onto the plane what food the NSA would let me take through security because I am poor and I am a gluten-free vegan and there is NEVER anything in airports or airplanes that I can eat.

On an eleven-hour flight I am squished like a Cindy sandwich between someone who loves my work and someone who couldn’t give a shit about my work. I have a screaming baby in front of me and a screaming baby behind me; and when I arrive in Oslo, stinky, tired, raccoon-eyed and grouchy, I will be immediately whisked to a TV interview! Oh, and I will be losing my battery charge on my laptop about five hours before I arrive in Frankfurt, so I won’t be able to write any longer.

On the other hand, Obama will be transported to Oslo in the style of a Saudi Prince on

luxurious Air Force One (that we pay for). Then, while in Oslo, he will put on a tuxedo and take a heavily escorted convoy to the awards ceremony, while I will be shivering in my “California-style Cold” coat on the outside protesting him and his policies.

Why do I put myself through all of this? Why am I not just at home playing with my little-buddy, Jonah, and writing my book in the warm comfort of my own home that is stocked with food I can actually eat? Because I believe that one person can make a difference and one person HAS to make a difference and, in many cases, sacrifice is required to make that difference authentic!

Be inspired by movies like Patch Adams, Norma Rae, Silkwood, Erin Brockovich, (all based on true stories of regular people who had enough and sacrificed to make a difference). Be inspired by your neighbor who works at a food pantry, or your friend who voluntarily cares for an elderly person.

Look for opportunities to make a difference and never allow yourself to be paralyzed with hopelessness, because that’s EXACTLY the way the Robber Class wants you to feel.

Don’t play their self-destructive Robber Class games with them. There is always hope.

After Casey was killed, like I said before, I wanted to kill myself. I know what makes people kill themselves—it’s that feeling of hopelessness. That’s why it was so alluring to want to place “hope” in Obama—the attraction of hope after all the years of Bush was almost irresistible. I say “almost irresistible” because there were many of us that were able to resist falling into the trap of “false hope,” because we know the tools of the system are there to pound us into submissive hopelessness, not lift us out of it.

The Hope is Us. Like Dorothy in Oz, we have always had the power for change—now get off your butt and click your heels together and go and kick some Robber Class ass! How’s that for a pep talk?

## **CHAPTER THREE**

**Myth:** The US is a Free Country.

**Reality:** We live in a soft-fascist police state.

## **AMERICA HAS A FREE PRESS**

“Ignorance is strength.”

– **George Orwell, 1984**

This one is an easy solution: turn off your TV—if you have one—or just be highly selective. Not only is TV an energy drainer but it is also a propaganda tool for the Robber Class.

Why else would MSNBC showcase discredited Pentagon shill, Barry McCaffrey, if a major war profiteer, General Electric, didn’t own it? There were few critical voices after 9-11, but those like my friend, Phil Donahue, were silenced while others were given megaphones to shill for the Robbers.

Support alternative media like Pacifica, Democracy Now, LinkTV, (you can’t get any more alternative than Cindy Sheehan’s Soapbox) and Internet information sites that are numerous, independent and credible: Information Clearing House, After Downing Street, Michael Moore, OpEd News, Dandelion Salad, Global Research, etc. There are many others, but these are the ones that I read consistently and that still publish my articles.

## **AMERICANS HAVE FREEDOM OF SPEECH, FREEDOM TO PEACEABLY ASSEMBLE, AND TO PETITION FOR REDRESS**

“Freedom is Slavery.”

– **George Orwell, 1984**

One day, a few years back, I heard on the news that a Vietnam Veteran and his wife had gone to the White House to present George Bush with one of the Vet’s Purple Hearts (he has three) that he earned by being wounded in Vietnam. The couple, who also happened to be from Texas, reasoned that one didn’t actually have to be physically wounded in war to be hurt by war.

I was appalled that an AWOL-going, murderous warmonger would be so honored this way. I happened to be in DC that day, so my staff and I constructed a “Yellow Badge of Cowardice,” and we announced that we were going to present it to George Bush the next day.



We got to the gates of the White House and we were, predictably, not allowed to present George with the Badge, so I threw it over the fence as is my practice when I am not allowed to exercise my First Amendment Right to “petition my government” for redress of wrongs.

But, let’s back up a little to before I threw the Badge over the fence. As soon as I walked into Lafayette Park, a Park Cop came up to me and he had his pad of paper out and wanted me to give him my name, ID and reason for being in the park.

I asked him if everyone who walked into the park had to do this and he said, “No, but you are here to stage a protest.”

I told him that we weren’t there to “stage a protest,” but if we were, it was our right to do so, and that we were just there to deliver a gift to the president, anyway.

As soon as I threw the Badge over the fence, the cop was right on me, demanding my ID because I threw something over the fence and one “Can’t throw nothing over the fence.” I said, “Cool, you basically just told me it was fine to throw something over the fence, since you just used a double negative, so we are going.”

He blocked my path and several officers surrounded our small group. I calmly asked what we were being detained for and the cop kept on telling me that we couldn’t “throw nothing over the fence.”

After he failed to produce the “Can’t throw nothing over the fence” statute, I told the cops to get out of our way because we were going to breakfast. I proceeded forward, they parted and gave us a way out of their circle and we went to breakfast.

Now, I, as well as you, know that it is illegal to throw things over the White House fence. I have tried many times to deliver petitions with thousands of signatures on them and when the officers at the gate refuse to take our petitions, we throw them over the fence. You would think, by now, the officers would just take the petitions or items from me so they wouldn’t have to pick things up off the driveway.

But why do I throw things over the White House fence? First of all, it’s fun to be bratty sometimes, and as soon as I throw a handful over other people gleefully join me—but



that's not why I do it. I do it because it is our Right as citizens of this nation to "Petition our government for redress of wrongs." And, being a Street Constitutionalist, I feel that as soon as one of my Rights is suppressed, all bets are off.

Always carry a pocket copy of the Constitution—it has gotten me out of trouble at least 10 times when I held non-permitted protests/marches. Every march that I have held in DC that is non-permitted, the cops end up escorting us and stopping traffic for us anyway. I have held non-permitted rallies in NYC, Washington DC, and San Francisco (because, as I have said before, I refuse to get permits), and have NEVER been stopped from doing so.

You have to know your Rights and you have to go back to our founding document in every case. Even though it is deeply flawed, what we have in our hand when we hold the Constitution is our birthright as Americans.

## **CHAPTER FOUR**

**Myth:** The US is a Democracy.

**Reality:** It's a Corporatocracy.

"This empire, unlike any other in the history of the world, has been built primarily through economic manipulation, through cheating, through fraud, through seducing people into our way of life, through the economic hit men. I was very much a part of that."

— **John Perkins**

If anything should prove to us that the US is a Corporatocracy (governed by and for the Corporations), it has to be the recent health care debacle in DC.

Americans want single-payer health care in this country—a system that is operated by doctors and patients yet paid for by the government.

The Barack Obama/Nancy Pelosi/Harry Reid Comedy Show took the reins of health care "reform" and handed them straight over to the health insurance industry. When Obama had a meeting of "reform advocates" at the White House, not one single-payer advocate was admitted.

As of today, the bill that is still being worked over in the Senate is a giveaway to the health insurance companies and we will be forced to buy insurance from this Mob. The industry will prosper from the legislation and, as usual, we will be stuck holding the bag of crap.

There are organizations working for a Constitutional Amendment to overturn the Supreme Court decision in 1886 that gave corporations Fourteenth Amendment protections, and I think that is great and I support those efforts, but do I think this will ever happen? No. Why? Because if the Corporatocracy has so much influence over legislation, how can advocates of this cause think that the Corporations will EVER allow a Constitutional Amendment that will diminish their profound powers?

It will take a revolution of guillotines to affect this change and, frankly, Americans do not have that in us. As I have pointed out before, the system that we have is the system that we have and how do we, as citizens and consumers, exert our influence over it, or make our corner of this country healthier for us?

First of all, in this Corporatocracy our power is not as “Voters” or “Citizens.” Our latent power resides in the fact that what we are to the Robber Class is “Consumers.” If we had a cooperative media and a Robbed Class that was not Madison Avenue-D nearly to death then, I believe, we could seriously change things in this country by using OUR dollar diplomacy. I participate in boycotts right now—Exxon-Mobil, Wal-Mart, Starbucks—and the list goes on and on, but these are small boycotts that really have no affect on the Corporatocracy—but it gives ME a clear conscience when I spend my hard-earned money.

I don’t own a car—does that fact keep the CEO of Standard Oil up at night? No, but even though other things keep me up at night, the fact that I participate (if I had a car) in the crimes of the Robber Class Oil Cartels, is not one of them.

Investigate the politics and practices of companies that you do business with or plan to do business with. I see people in the peace movement wearing Mardi Gras-type bead necklaces with peace symbols on them and I have to point out that those are made in Central America by slave labor.

Another way that we could by-pass this Robber Class “Democracy” is to break up this

giant bureaucracy into smaller, more manageable, units. With the continuing degradation of our environment and economy this is something that may happen whether we want it to or not, but why don't we break ourselves up into smaller tribes and support each other and make decisions based on consensus and not the "Tyranny of the Majority?" I choose to live my life as if DC were a very tiny and totally irrelevant part of it.

There is a lot of exciting research along the "Smaller is Better" line and I suggest you do some research yourself!

## **CHAPTER FIVE**

**Myth:** It's Noble to Die in Robber Class Wars

**Reality:** It's tragically unnecessary to die in Robber Class Wars and "Dead is Dead."

This one seems fairly obvious—do not sign up to be in the military. But, as outlined in Chapter Five, it's not always as easy as it seems.

September 2009 was the first time that the US military met its recruiting goals in six years!

University education is out of reach for many of our children and jobs are getting increasingly hard to find. Are there still alternatives to joining the military? You betcha! First of all, we must lower our expectations for what can be possible these days. Not everyone is "college material," but no one should be "cannon fodder" material—ever! Our children's lives should not be put on the line for the Robbers in order to get an education.

Even though still too expensive, take advantage of community colleges, which remain a good value for the money. Lower division classes are smaller than at universities and there is more professor-student interaction. These facilities are usually fairly close to home and often have low-cost childcare and occupational classes that are far cheaper than private vocational schools, such as "Wyotech."

Download "*Alternatives to the Military*" from the American Friends' Service Committee. Many larger cities have AFSC offices you can visit.

Read “*Thinking of Enlisting*” also from the AFSC site.

Watch the *Arlington West* movie with your child/ren or arrange a showing at a local high school with members of Veterans for Peace or Iraq Veterans Against the War or Gold Star Families for Peace. The filmmakers, Sally Marr and Peter Dudar, will be overjoyed to help you show this film in your local high school or send it to you for your family.

Further Reading:

*Johnny Got His Gun* by Dalton Trumbo

*War is a Racket* by Smedley Butler

*Born on the 4th of July* by Ron Kovics

Shakespeare wrote: “Nothing is new under the sun.” The complete truth about military service is that YOU or YOUR CHILD DIES while others profit. That’s all.

If you have a talent for job placement or career counseling, consider donating your time and talents in your community to help disadvantaged children earn a living, while avoiding—like the plague that it is—the military!

If you are an employer, consider hiring teens/college students at the prevailing wage, or give valuable job training and experience to students as interns at a lower wage.

Open your home to college students for room and board in exchange for chores, babysitting, or other valuable consideration. Food and housing are an astronomical part of college life, and just getting to know another person can lead to lifetime friendships.

Support and/or help the groups in your Community that do counter-recruitment. I believe this is the most Noble Cause that we in the peace movement can be doing to end Robber Class Wars.

The recent tragedy at Ft. Hood, Texas, left dozens of soldiers dead or wounded when a military psychologist, Major Nadal Hassan, went nuts and set out on a shooting rampage. There are still many unanswered questions about that incident (but at least the Robber Class media is rapidly getting to the bottom of Tiger Woods’ infidelities).

The moral of this story is that war does very bad things to people and being involved in the Robber Class violence is NEVER an option!

## **CHAPTER SIX**

**Myth:** There is separation of church and state in the US.

**Reality:** The State is the Church.

“That I am not a member of any Christian Church, is true; but I have never denied the truth of the Scriptures; and I have never spoken with intentional disrespect of religion in general, or of any denomination of Christians in particular.”

– **Abraham Lincoln**

I am not a huge Lincoln fan even though I admire him for this forthright and courageous statement. I know that this is not a popular position to take—I have never been too worried about being popular—but I am not a mega-fan of Abraham Lincoln who led our nation in one of the bloodiest wars and suspended many liberties while doing so. I believe, based on the Declaration of Independence and the original “Rights of Man,” that the South had every right to secede from the Union. Please spare me your “racist” charges—of course I hate human trafficking and slavery, and oppose those who practiced it back then and the corporations who practice it today. Historically, slavery was irrelevant to the US Civil War.

Why are we expected to worship presidents because they were assassinated? We are not exhorted to worship Garfield or McKinley, but it is our national requisite to worship Lincoln and Kennedy.

How many times have I been admonished to “Respect the office of the presidency,” even though I don’t respect the person who is occupying it at the time? That’s just a rhetorical question, because I don’t know for sure how many times it’s been—but it’s been a lot.

Even so-called “progressives” tell me this. Once, after I went to Europe to do some peace work, one of my “supporters” emailed me to tell me off. “It’s one thing to talk bad about the president in America, but you don’t go outside of the country and air our dirty laundry!”

FYI: People around the world are fully aware of our dirty laundry. The only people who seem to be unaware of exactly how filthy our laundry is—are Americans.

How do we overcome this Myth here in America? How do we separate our love of gods, or religion, from what is our national religion: State Worship? When I say “State Worship,” I mean the love of war and violence, because that is what our State stands for.

That is why, according to the Robber Class Beatitudes, to be “anti-war” means to be “anti-American.” Think about this for another second, or two: in the Robber Class Beatitudes, to be “anti-war” means to be “anti-American.”

In the actual Beatitudes, Jesus reportedly said: “Blessed are the peacemakers.” With Barack Obama recently being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and being lauded by the nation’s right AND left for his warrior-king speech, we have finally arrived to the Orwellian truth that “War is Peace”—and a man who is bloody with the carnage of a lot of innocent people is crowned the world’s Numero Uno Peace Maker!

I wanted to do something that was based on my old Christian tradition like:

Hail War, full of Pain;  
The lord and the politicians are with thee!  
Blessed art thou with your brazen war-spectacles,  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, carnage!

But someone who I do admire with all my heart, and someone who was far more eloquent than I, said it much better.

From the “War Prayer,” by anti-Imperialist, Mark Twain:

It was a time of great and exalting excitement. The country was up in arms, the war was on, in every breast burned the holy fire of patriotism; the drums were beating, the bands playing, the toy pistols popping, the bunched firecrackers hissing and spluttering; on every hand and far down the receding and fading spread of roofs and balconies a fluttering wilderness of flags flashed in the sun; daily the young volunteers marched down the wide avenue gay and fine in their new uniforms, the proud fathers and mothers and sisters and sweethearts cheering them with voices choked with

happy emotion as they swung by; nightly the packed mass meetings listened, panting, to patriot oratory which stirred the deepest deeps of their hearts, and which they interrupted at briefest intervals with cyclones of applause, the tears running down their cheeks the while; in the churches the pastors preached devotion to flag and country, and invoked the God of Battles beseeching His aid in our good cause in outpourings of fervid eloquence which moved every listener. It was indeed a glad and gracious time, and the half dozen rash spirits that ventured to disapprove of the war and cast a doubt upon its righteousness straightway got such a stern and angry warning that for their personal safety's sake they quickly shrank out of sight and offended no more in that way.

Sunday morning came—next day the battalions would leave for the front; the church was filled; the volunteers were there, their young faces alight with martial dreams—visions of the stern advance, the gathering momentum, the rushing charge, the flashing sabers, the flight of the foe, the tumult, the enveloping smoke, the fierce pursuit, the surrender! Then home from the war, bronzed heroes, welcomed, adored, submerged in golden seas of glory! With the volunteers sat their dear ones, proud, happy, and envied by the neighbors and friends who had no sons and brothers to send forth to the field of honor, there to win for the flag, or, failing, die the noblest of noble deaths. The service proceeded; a war chapter from the Old Testament was read; the first prayer was said; it was followed by an organ burst that shook the building, and with one impulse the house rose, with glowing eyes and beating hearts, and poured out that tremendous invocation “God the all-terrible! Thou who ordainest! Thunder thy clarion and lightning thy sword!”

Then came the “long” prayer. None could remember the like of it for passionate pleading and moving and beautiful language. The burden of its supplication was, that an ever-merciful and benignant Father of us all would watch over our noble young soldiers, and aid, comfort, and encourage them in their patriotic work; bless them, shield them in the day of battle and the hour of peril, bear them in His mighty hand, make them strong and confident, invincible in the bloody onset; help them to crush the foe, grant to them and to their flag and country imperishable honor and glory—An aged stranger entered and moved with slow and noiseless step up the main aisle, his eyes fixed upon the minister, his long body clothed in a robe that reached to his feet, his head bare, his white hair descending in a frothy cataract to his shoulders, his seamy face unnaturally pale, pale even to ghastliness. With all eyes following him and wondering, he made his silent way; without pausing, he ascended to the preacher's



side and stood there waiting. With shut lids the preacher, unconscious of his presence, continued with his moving prayer, and at last finished it with the words, uttered in fervent appeal, "Bless our arms, grant us the victory, O Lord our God, Father and Protector of our land and flag!"

The stranger touched his arm, motioned him to step aside—which the startled minister did—and took his place. During some moments he surveyed the spellbound audience with solemn eyes, in which burned an uncanny light; then in a deep voice he said:

"I come from the Throne—bearing a message from Almighty God!" The words smote the house with a shock; if the stranger perceived it he gave no attention. "He has heard the prayer of His servant your shepherd, and will grant it if such shall be your desire after I, His messenger, shall have explained to you its import—that is to say, its full import. For it is like unto many of the prayers of men, in that it asks for more than he who utters it is aware of—except he pause and think.

"God's servant and yours has prayed his prayer. Has he paused and taken thought? Is it one prayer? No, it is two—one uttered, the other not. Both have reached the ear of Him Who heareth all supplications, the spoken and the unspoken. Ponder this—keep it in mind. If you would beseech a blessing upon yourself, beware! Lest without intent you invoke a curse upon a neighbor at the same time. If you pray for the blessing of rain upon your crop which needs it, by that act you are possibly praying for a curse upon some neighbor's crop which may not need rain and can be injured by it.

"You have heard your servant's prayer—the uttered part of it. I am commissioned of God to put into words the other part of it—that part which the pastor—and also you in your hearts—fervently prayed silently. And ignorantly and unthinkingly? God grant that it was so! You heard these words: 'Grant us the victory, O Lord our God!' That is sufficient. The *\*whole\** of the uttered prayer is compact into those pregnant words. Elaborations were not necessary. When you have prayed for victory you have prayed for many unmentioned results which follow victory—*\*must\** follow it, cannot help but follow it. Upon the listening spirit of God fell also the unspoken part of the prayer. He commandeth me to put it into words. Listen!

"O Lord our Father, our young patriots, idols of our hearts, go forth to battle—be Thou near them! With them—in spirit—we also go forth from the sweet peace of our beloved firesides to smite the foe. O Lord our God, help us to tear their soldiers to bloody



shreds with our shells; help us to cover their smiling fields with the pale forms of their patriot dead; help us to drown the thunder of the guns with the shrieks of their wounded, writhing in pain; help us to lay waste their humble homes with a hurricane of fire; help us to wring the hearts of their unoffending widows with unavailing grief; help us to turn them out roofless with little children to wander unfriended the wastes of their desolated land in rags and hunger and thirst, sports of the sun flames of summer and the icy winds of winter, broken in spirit, worn with travail, imploring Thee for the refuge of the grave and denied it—for our sakes who adore Thee, Lord, blast their hopes, blight their lives, protract their bitter pilgrimage, make heavy their steps, water their way with their tears, stain the white snow with the blood of their wounded feet! We ask it, in the spirit of love, of Him Who is the Source of Love, and Who is the ever-faithful refuge and friend of all that are sore beset and seek His aid with humble and contrite hearts. Amen.

(\*After a pause.\*) "Ye have prayed it; if ye still desire it, speak! The messenger of the Most High waits!"

It was believed afterward that the man was a lunatic, because there was no sense in what he said.

The blurring of the lines between Church and State must be sharpened and this discussion of Religion must be wiped out of the political discourse before our national soul is completely obliterated.

At the beginning of this book, I acknowledged the Unitarian Universalist Church in always being so welcoming and hospitable to me, even though I am an atheist. Atheists are usually welcomed into UU communities. Whenever I am in a UU church, I joke that as a "Recovering Catholic" and new convert to atheism, I always do feel welcome. People laugh and they are correctly proud to be so open-minded and inclusive.

However, there was one time when I was signing books and a man in a UU Congregation told me that I shouldn't say I am an atheist because it compromises my message.

Maybe he is right; the labels that we place on each other and ourselves are limiting, and if this man has to hear his truth from a Christian, then it is better left out of the conversation at all!

## **CHAPTER SEVEN**

**Myth:** If the Robber Class kills someone, they deserved it!

**Reality:** Each individual has the same inherent value.

This Myth dovetails very closely with the religion Myth. All religions acknowledge the worth of the individual. Even St. Paul says that god makes no differentiation between “Jews or Greek; free or slave.”

This past August we traveled to Martha’s Vineyard to protest Barack Obama while he was on vacation. While there in the bastion of the Robber Class, where the Obamas spent \$50,000 for one week of vacation, we wrote the first draft of the People’s Declaration of Peace that subsequently transformed into this final draft:

### ***International People’s Declaration of Peace***

#### **PREAMBLE**

We the undersigned, as responsible citizens of this planet, hereby proclaim the urgent universal need for sustained security through peace for present and future generations of the human family.

In order that we all may live and prosper in dignity, we acknowledge the need for a genuine worldwide commitment by all people to break the dehumanizing chains of the savageries of militarism, of economic exploitation, of slaveries, of torture, of killing, and of all aspects of the culture of war and brutality that compromise the very survival of civilization on this planet.

We proclaim that the present geo-political-economic-social system is fundamentally incapable of delivering us from the merchants of war and exploitation and is completely devoid of offering positive, alternative solutions. Thus we come together as brothers and sisters to strive for peace and our collective freedom from violence and other oppressions.

#### **DECLARATION**

We the undersigned as responsible citizens of this planet do declare:

First and foremost, the intrinsic value of each and every human being is equal, regardless of: race, skin color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, age, or national origin;

Even though we are individuals with both unique talents and needs, we are also united in the community of humanity;

Enslavement to The Establishment by military service is never an option whether it is for economic reasons or patriotic fervor. We will actively resist for ourselves and our children, as far as humanly possible, enlistment or forcible conscription into the armed services of our nations;

The root of all war is profit and we will not allow the war profiteers to own our labor or steal the fruits of that labor to be used solely for their greed of power and money;

The insidious and uninterrupted preparations for war, along with the act(s) of war, are major environmental destroyers of this planet. In contrast, we will do all we are able within our families and communities to protect all life, conserve natural resources and, as far as possible, utilize sustainable and renewable forms of energy;

We will boycott news sources that promote war, division and/or oppression.

We will not buy into the culture of violence that is promoted by movies, video games, television programming, music, toys or other popular culture;

We will boycott products and/or services from companies that profit from war and/or companies that support nations that make war on others;

We will remove ourselves as far as ideologically possible from our governments when unjust war is proposed, propagated, or conceived of in any other way;

We will actively and courageously protest against wars, violence and economic oppression no matter who, or what, rules our nations;

We will proclaim to our nations, families, friends, co-workers, neighbors and others that using violence to solve problems is a disordered and barbaric choice. Except for legitimate and justified self-defense (as a last resort), we refuse to use violence in our

own lives and will explore with our children and communities approaches to peaceful conflict resolution.

## CONCLUSION

War is the unspeakably evil pursuit of The Establishment of this planet.

Wars of aggression are inherently war crimes and crimes against humanity.

We the People of the world suffer while The Establishment grows wealthy from our sweat and blood.

As a first step to breaking the cruel bonds that most governments hold over us, we firmly declare that peace is the moral imperative and we reject violence in all forms: from personal to state-sanctioned violence.

Since most wars are not the will of the People and are brought on by the will of governments, at the behest of war profiteers, we firmly, and with the highest conviction, state that WE are not enemies to each other and we will stand in solidarity to Declare Peace with the entire planet.

We, the Undersigned of this Declaration of Peace, agree to help each other break those bonds of violence and oppression and affirm our resolve to never again raise a clenched fist of violence against one another. Instead, we will join hands to lead this planet on the path of reconciliation, healing and peace.

We have plans to take this Declaration around the world to have it signed by the People. Well-known peace activist, Yoko Ono, has signed it already. As the Declaration states, We the People will not have peace until we fall in love with each other and each other's humanness.

Another way we can support the inherent value of each human is to boycott goods and services from companies, and their subsidiaries, that profit from war or profit from the exploitation of people's labor.

A good place to find these companies is here at the Responsible Purchasing Network: <http://www.responsiblepurchasing.org/>

## **CHAPTER EIGHT**

**Myth:** All Conspiracies are Wacky.

**Reality:** Where there's smoke, there's fire.

There is only one way to overcome this Myth—question EVERY DAMN THING your government says. Do not believe anything at face value. Become your own “Conspiracy Analyst.”

## **CHAPTER NINE**

**Myth:** The Federal Reserve Cares about You.

**Reality:** The Fed cares about you being its slave.

Contravening the Federal Reserve System not only involves our relationship with banks, but our relationship as consumers with the economy.

First of all, if you haven't already done so: STOP USING CREDIT. President Obama has said: “Credit is the lifeblood of the economy.” Actually, it is the Robber's lifeblood and our blood is what is getting sucked dry to keep the Robbers alive.

Use only cash, money orders or debit cards. Many people have written to me asking for an address to send a check, cash or money order for this book, as they are already not using credit. And, even though my Internet PayPal account does take credit cards, I would prefer if you all used only debit cards when you donate.

We need to quickly differentiate between wants and needs. Make do or do without. Pump up the economy of the lonely shoe-repair shops that have practically disappeared due to ultra-cheap shoes that are mass produced by slave labor in sweat shops over in Indonesia or down in Mexico.

Economist Richard Cook even argues that not only should we stop using credit but we should not pay back our credit card bills. Usurious interest rates and onerous fees keep us in a state of perpetual debt for the Robber's purses. You may work at XYZ Company, INC, but you really work for the banks.

Richard argues that the merchants from which you purchased goods, or the credit card

company with some of that Robber Class Funny Money, has already paid services. The money that you do not pay to your credit card companies can be spent directly into your local economy. Local merchants will be thrilled to get your cash-ola! This is a very controversial action, but I would urge you to read Richard's articles and investigate the suggestion further.

Move your accounts from banks to credit unions or keep your money in your sock drawer; just get the hell out of big mega-banks: Chase (which ate my bank); Bank of America; and Citigroup (the evil company that was the reason Glass-Steagall was repealed by Robert Rubin and Scary Larry Summers.)

Buy used. I see a great and wonderful rise in revenues for thrift shops. Especially patronize thrift stores that also support good causes like Good Will or Out of the Closet. It is very tempting to shop at Wal-Mart, but as Robert Greenwald pointed out in Wal-Mart the High Cost of Low Prices, that company has done its part to destroy small businesses and manufacturing in America as it forces its suppliers to export labor to foreign sweatshops. Wal-Mart also does not pay its employees anywhere near a living wage and oftentimes Wal-Mart workers must avail themselves of local social services like food stamps and Medicaid to survive.

As much as possible, patronize local merchants when you can't buy used at a thrift store. It may be a little more expensive, but you save on gas and definitely on the frustration of crowds and the guilt of supporting sweatshop labor with your resources.

Speaking of social networking, get to know your neighbors. Exchange goods and services. If you need some plumbing unclogged, exchange that for something you can do: massage, babysitting, baking, cleaning, laundry, reading to an elder—whatever! Our fast food, American Idol, dog-eat-dog paradigm has removed neighborhoods as a support system. I remember when I was growing up in a suburb of Los Angeles, I had about 20 mothers in the neighborhood and it seemed like we could literally not get away with any mischief! It does take a village to raise a child and we have become isolated islands of self-absorption.

Organize co-ops in your neighborhoods or buildings and have real “free markets” where you bring your used items and pick up other used items—no bartering or competition—each according to their needs.

No one in our sphere of influence should have over-abundance and, similarly, no one should have under-abundance.

Many communities are beginning to use Local Scrip.

A good definition of Local Scrip can be found at Wikipedia:

***In economics, a local currency, in its common usage, is a currency not backed by a national government (and not necessarily legal tender), and intended to trade only in a small area. This amounts to a formalization of the barter system, a useful tool for raising awareness of the state of the local economy, especially among those who may be unfamiliar or uncomfortable with traditional bartering. These currencies are also referred to as community currency, and are a form of alternative currency or complementary currency. They encompass a wide range of forms, both physically and financially, and often are associated with a particular economic discourse.***

Investigate using Local Scrip in your community.

South Dakota is one of the only states that appears to be surviving this economic crisis. Back in the late 19th Century, due to the economic panics and the gold standard that was inherently limiting to the mostly agrarian state, they decided to empower its own state bank.

In my own home state of California there is a movement to overcome its financial difficulties by creating a state bank independent of the debt of the Federal Reserve. California is a wealthy state—we are rich with resources, people power and innovations—and we should not be held hostage to the artificial bubbles of the Robber Class Fed that has practically destroyed our state, several times. The housing bubble wrecked us and the Dot Com bubble almost exclusively targeted California.

Look into this movement and listen to the interview I did with Ellen Brown at [www.CindySheehansSoapbox.com](http://www.CindySheehansSoapbox.com). Ellen is one of the leading proponents of creating a state bank in California and this movement should spread to all the states to contravene the evil Fed!

## **CHAPTER TEN**

**Myth:** You can be a Robber.

**Reality:** Not so much!

As in most of this book, the solution to this one lies in education.

It seems that the indoctrination is so profound that we can start to conspiracize (new word) around something in the drinking water that causes us to believe such unrealistic crap.

We had this discussion recently on my Facebook wall that has been a wealth of material and enlightenment for me. What causes some of us to reject the programming of the Robber Class Myths?

Are we lucky enough to have parents, grandparents, or an inspired teacher to knock this brainwashing out of us? Are we immune to subliminal messaging on our TV boxes? Do we have a genetic predisposition to be questioning? Maybe it's a combination of the above or other things we can never know? Maybe being born in the summer gives one a clear head, or being born in the winter is better?

Anyway, YOU CANNOT BE A ROBBER no matter how hard you try. No matter how hard you work, the Robber Class will not let you in—for the simple reason that you are reading this book and you know the truth.

## **CHAPTER!ELEVEN**

**Myth:** The Robber Class Supports Democracies.

**Reality:** The Robber Class Thwarts Democracies.

“Peoples of the Americas are rising once again, saying no to imperialism, saying no to fascism, saying no to intervention — and saying no to death,”

– **Hugo Chavez, President of Venezuela**

“We in Afghanistan have enough problems fighting the warlords and Taliban without fighting the Americans, too.”

– **Malalai Joya, Afghan Parliamentarian and Feminist**



I am involved in a very exciting movement that is called Peace and Democracy in Afghanistan.

The movement is fledgling and is seeking to support democracy movements in Afghanistan that are working for self-determination. The PDA (as they call themselves) don't want the US puppet Karzai government, but they don't want the Taliban, either. There are many things to overcome—tribal loyalties, drug revenue, US occupation, the fact that the US is shoving Afghans into the arms of the Taliban, and the mere fact that many Americans think that there is already democracy in Afghanistan and that's what we are supporting over there.

The elections in Afghanistan are just about as fair and valid as our elections here in the US and it doesn't matter if Abdullah Abullah or Hamid Karzai win: as in the US elections, the Robber Class always wins in occupied countries.

Another thing that the people of Afghanistan will have to overcome to have an effective, people government is that the country is in abject poverty and many people are illiterate and go to the Taliban for protection and jobs (mostly as resistance fighters to the US occupation or guarding poppy fields).

Another effort that I am supporting is Jobs for Afghans—to give the people financial support so they can feel they have the breathing room for political revolution.

[www.jobsforafghans.org](http://www.jobsforafghans.org)

But, regardless, the anti-war movement still must continually work for: TROOPS OUT NOW!

## **CHAPTER TWELVE**

**Myth:** Elections Matter.

**Reality:** The Robber Class owns elections.

I made the suggestion in Chapter Two of not participating in the Robber Class system of voting. That is up to you, but what else can we do?

We can support organizations that are working for election integrity and we can

become election protectors on our own. It is your right as a citizen to monitor polls and vote counting in your community.

Do not—I strongly reiterate, DO NOT—ever support a candidate just because he or she belongs to a certain political party. If you do decide to support a candidate, support one that more closely aligns with your ideologies and values, even if he or she is (gasp) Third Party or Independent.

If you do decide to keep voting, then vote with your courage and integrity. Do not buy into the Robber Class Myth of “Lesser than Two-Evilism.” Think about that one, hard! What does this say? That the candidate you do vote for is still evil, only just a little less so than the other candidate. Your counterpart on the other side of the political chasm is doing exactly the same thing and voting for their “less-evil” candidate. So, “Evil” is certainly in the eye of the beholder!

People would love to blame and hate Ralph Nader for Bush winning in 2000—that is also a huge Myth. But what if Al Gore had been a better, more aggressive and more progressive candidate and didn’t choose Joe Lieberman as his vice-presidential candidate? What if Al Gore had earned the presidency? Even if you believe he would have been better than Bush, Al Gore WON the election of 2000—Nader is not to blame. If only Robber Class Al had been better—blah, blah, blah. The Robber Class owns your very vote.

Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we had ranked voting and you could vote for your first choice without that nagging Lesser Evil Myth tugging at your heart? However, even if we don’t have ranked voting, there is almost always someone you can more closely identify with than Candidate Goldman-Sachs Party A or Candidate Goldman-Sachs Party B. If you are going to vote, for “Good’s sake,” vote your conscience.

Take the Voters for Peace Pledge:

"I will only vote for or support federal candidates who publicly commit to a speedy end to the Iraq war, and to preventing future ‘wars of aggression’."

We should also add: “AND, who publicly commit to a speedy end to the US occupation/attacks on Af-Pak and the US supported apartheid of Gaza and who oppose any future wars of aggression.”

## **CHAPTER THIRTEEN**

**Myth:** There's a difference between Democrat and Republican.

**Reality:** We have a one-party state.

I think I presented sufficient evidence in Chapter Three to destroy this Myth, but what do we do about it?

Even if you decide not to participate in the charade of elections, then go down to your election office or post office and register or re-register as “Decline to State” or “Independent.” These non-partisan designations are the fastest growing political movement in the country and, even though most do vote for either party, it shows that there is a burgeoning disgust with the “two” party system.

If you still want to participate in the system, then support or donate money to Third Party or Independent candidates. Voting is just a small portion of what we should be doing in America.

When I ran for office I had hundreds of volunteers from all over the country that made phone calls into the district. Dozens of people donated significant time to canvass or do other campaign-related activities. It took four months for us to gather enough signatures to even get my name on the ballot—and we had many people giving up their evenings and weekends gathering signatures. Not only do you help in a physical way, but I can't tell you how much the support did for me in an emotional and mental way. Running for office against the Robber Class system is a thankless and draining task, and such a candidate must be surrounded by supporters—not only as support but also as insulation!

If you can't donate any time, then donate a couple of bucks. We were able to raise well over \$600 thousand dollars from literally thousands of small donors. For most of those donors I wasn't even running in their district or state. I can't tell you how much needed confidence that gives a candidate!

There is a current movement to persuade Ralph Nader to run for Senate in his home state of Connecticut against wholly-bank-owned Christopher Dodd. I am very conflicted over this. I am not sure I want Ralph to put himself through this again, but I am sure that wholly-bank-owned Dodd needs to be taken down a peg or two.

Still, progressive energy will be wasted on Ralph's pie-in-the-sky campaign when we need those resources in the grassroots activist movement.

However, if Ralph runs, we need to divide our energies again because Ralph has given so much to this country—he deserves and needs our support!

## **CHAPTER FOURTEEN**

**Myth:** Robber Class Enemies are our enemies.

**Reality:** We have no enemies except the Robber Class.

“War is when you allow the government to tell you who is your enemy;  
Revolution is when you decide that for yourself.”

– **Anonymous**

“The world is my country, all mankind are my brethren,  
and to do good is my religion.”

– **Thomas Paine**

One event, in a long line of Robber Class events, confirmed for me how the Robber Class reinforces itself and its crimes every chance they get.

I happened to be in Sweden when Obama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and even the people who still had their Obama shrines firmly ensconced in the corner, were appalled.

Of course one Alfred Noble who invented dynamite endowed the Noble Peace Prize and his legacy is death up to this day. However, like Sarah Winchester, who went nuts and couldn't stop building a house to keep away the spirits of those killed by her husband's rifle, Alfred Noble (in true Robber Class death-bed penance) thought that his prize could redeem his soul.

Well, since the Prize has been instituted, it certainly has gone to some strange recipients—a few have deserved the Prize, like MLK, Jr., Betty Williams and Mairead Maguire (peace process in Northern Ireland); some have just been “weird,” like Al Gore and the dude who won it when I was nominated (for making micro-loans at low

interest); and some have just been outright outrageous, like Henry Kissinger and Barack Obama.

So, the other Nobel Prizes are awarded from Stockholm, but Alfred did not trust the Stockholm-ites to award the Prize because up to that time, the Oslo-nians were more peaceful and Nobel believed he could trust them more.

Well, trusting the Oslo-nians has proven to not work out so well, and the committee, made up of seven members of Parliament, has made the Prize into a purely political tool.

Guess which country has 500 troops in Afghanistan and struggles constantly with the less war-like members of Parliament and its own citizens—yep, you guessed it—Norway. The members of the Nobel committee were just rewarding themselves when they rewarded Obama.

We need to recognize that the Robber Class is our enemy and the struggle must be a global one.

After being in Stockholm for the announcement of the Peace Prize, I was invited to Oslo for the awarding (not by Obama, or the committee, but by the true Peace Committee), and here is the text of my speech to the counter-rally:

Hello friends! I have three words for the Nobel committee and for my president: 'how dare you!

How dare the committee give the Peace Prize (which will be known from here forward as the "Peace Prize") to Obama and how dare he accept it?

How dare the committee legitimize the war crimes and other crimes of the Bush regime by rewarding Obama for continuing them?

The committee said that Obama ordered the closure of Guantanamo prison, while it remains open and the torture policies have been broadened and expanded to Bagram in Afghanistan!

How dare they award the "Peace Prize" to a man who they say wants to reduce nuclear

arms, but is waging a terrifying nuclear war in the Middle East by using weapons coated with depleted uranium that is causing a sharp rise in cancers and birth defects there?

How dare they award the prize to a man who they claim exemplifies American Values when those values are war, torture, environmental degradation, and drone bombing abroad and environmental and economic ruin at home?

This “Peace Prize” to Obama was nothing but a slap in the face to people in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Palestine, Iran, North Korea, Colombia, Honduras, Venezuela and anywhere that Obama’s boot of Empire is crushing or threatening to crush.

This “Peace Prize” is a slap in the face to parents like myself whose child has been killed in the Bush/Obama wars, now approved of by “Peace committees.”

This award was a slap in the face to us—we who have been sacrificing and struggling for true peace for years.

If you listened really carefully to the speeches today—with ears not clogged by the hope-nosis of Empire—you heard Obama say “War is Peace” and you heard the clarion call of the international Robber Class—that the only way to peace is through war, war, and more war! The Robber Class has told us, once again, that there is no other way! War is the only way!

Well, I join with you in solidarity today to tell the Robber Class: Bullshit, we reject such stinking thinking and we reject the “honors” of the establishment as we say to them: “We refuse to play your violent games!”

If they want awards, they can give them to each other. If they think that killing children is “Peace” then they can send their own and leave ours the hell alone! If they want their wars then they can fight them their selves!

The violent extremists of the world just rewarded themselves for their crimes in an orgy of self-congratulatory pageantry, but I want to say that I have not one enemy here or in Iraq, Afghanistan or Pakistan.

My only enemy is yours too, the violent extremists of the world’s Robber Class and

we must join together to fight them, not fight in their wars, to bring true and lasting peace.

Thank you for inviting me here and giving me the honor of addressing true peace warriors!"

We here in the US have the resources and the numbers, but we don't have the will. We are beginning to wake up to the fact that there is something seriously wrong with the economic picture, but I fear most of us will never get the fact that we are not a free society—or the "Greatest Nation in the Universe."

Citizens of oppressed countries know the feeling of being under the boot of Empire, but don't have the resources we have—this is why the movement needs to be global. We need to join with the traditionally oppressed people of our nation and the oppressed people of the world to make a Robbed Class Revolution—the internet and social networking sites like Facebook are making this possible.

I don't think the creators of Facebook or Twitter quite envisioned the awesome tools for fomenting revolution that their "social" networking sites could be.

I want to close this section with a message from one of my Facebook friends who lives in the tribal regions that are between Afghanistan and Pakistan. He is a person whom my government says is my enemy—with the hyperbole of that part of the world, he wrote to me:

*"I just want to present a salute to this great lady Cindy on behalf of millions of people mostly women and children living in tribal areas as due her struggle now they have been feeling some ease. Millions of people have been praying for her peace and happiness. Millions of people are praying for her success. Even the animals will also be praying for her happiness as she is a savior for them as well."*

– Muhammad Khurshid

## **CHAPTER FIFTEEN**

**Myth:** The Robber Class Deserves your Money.

**Reality:** They only take it, because we give it.

For a good basic primer on Capitalism, watch Michael Moore's movie *Capitalism: A Love Story*.

If you want to go deeper into what's really wrong with the global economy, watch: *The Fourth World War* and *The Corporation*.

A major way that the Robber Class steals our money is by exploiting our labor and dividing us as workers.

We have to start taking back our jobs and, if necessary, our workplaces. A job that pays a living wage is a bare necessity in a so-called civilized society.

Support all the workers in our economy; struggle for worker unity. Struggle against unions that are tied into the Democratic Party (SEIU and just about all of the other big unions)—stick together, stick together, stick together.

When I say, "stick together," I mean on a very micro-level. Cover for each other—remember, "An injury to one is an injury to all."

In Michael's movie, he talks extensively about the Republic Window's strike that resulted in victory for the workers. Check it out.

Last summer, in a more radical action that gave victory to workers, a Renault factory in France was literally taken over by its workers.

The workers had been promised a severance package because the plant was closing. After it was announced that the severance would not be paid, the workers brought bombs into the plants and vowed to detonate them if their demands weren't met—their demands were met.

The point to these stories is that we have to stand up for our rights—it's not only our right, it's a requirement!

The Robber Class wants us to cower before them and they get really surprised when we don't. So far, we have that wonderful element of surprise since we have been the Land of the Sheeple for so long.

Don't mourn—organize!



## **CHAPTER SIXTEEN**

**Myth:** It's a Privilege to Pay Taxes to the Robber Class.

**Reality:** They steal our labor and the fruits of our Labor.

We could, and we usually do, sit around and bitch and moan about taxes. As I pointed out in the chapter, we are literally taxed to death. But what do we do?

I am a proud income tax conscientious objector. I refuse to pay my taxes to the Robber Class to finance its crimes. An investigation and report during the Reagan administration called the Grace Commission found that 100% of our tax money goes towards paying debt. Here again the Federal Reserve rears its butt-ugly and evil head.

Consider withholding all, or even part, of your taxes as a protest.

Learn how and the risks at: War Resister's League.

Let's be real—there could be some pretty stiff consequences for paying for war, but like I said in the chapter, I was ashamed when I realized that my obeisance to this Robber Class system had not only contributed to the deaths of millions of people, but to the death of my own dear son.

To me, the consequences of paying my taxes were far greater than any penalty the Robbers may throw at me—how much money is a son's life worth?

## **CHAPTER SEVENTEEN**

**Myth:** Housing, Healthcare, Healthy Food, and Quality Education are Privileges.

**Reality:** These are basic human rights no matter how much money you have, or don't have.

The dilemma of being uninsured or under-insured is a real one for sure. About 85 people an hour declare bankruptcy in this country due in full or in part to medical bills, and that's about 750,000 a year.

What can we do if we can't get health insurance? For one thing, in many states, children can be insured and you must see to it that your minor child has at least a bare

minimum of insurance. But what can we, non-indigent (yet, or maybe soon) Americans do?

I hate to always be the pessimist, but it doesn't look like we will ever have "single-payer" health care in this "first-world nation." The health insurance companies are out of control and even centrist talk show host, Ed Schultz, is on the warpath about his premiums. My political platform called for supporting HR 676 (single-payer) but I didn't win. Even if I did win, the health insurance companies are in charge of this legislation and most of Congress resides deep in the pockets of the industry.

Is it possible to stay healthy in this system without health care? I have been doing it for years, except for a couple of episodes that cost me thousands of dollars that I paid off little by little.

Find a doctor that will negotiate a cash payment system, or barter for basic services. If the unthinkable happens and you have a catastrophic illness, many times but not all times, you can be covered with Medicaid—but we are all living precariously if we are living without health insurance. San Francisco has "Healthy San Francisco" but like all social parachutes, this one is getting a little holey.

While on my book-jant I stopped for several events in Cape Cod and was introduced to Cape Care. Cape Care is a grassroots initiative to "create a regional, community-owned health care system to provide all Barnstable County residents comprehensive and affordable health care, delivered through the current and expanded network of providers."

Cape Care points out in their brochure that although the US spends more as a percentage of GDP than any other nation, our life expectancy is lower than those nations. Cuba spends a fraction of what we do on health care, and their lives are poorer, but they live longer than Americans.

The Cape Care Coalition is partnering with state-wide single-payer advocacy groups and I believe that if we have to do this, county by county, then that is how we may get quality health care for all—not just the Robber Class.

For more information on Cape Care go to: [www.CapeCare.info](http://www.CapeCare.info)

Another great local initiative is in a community that I love and own the “Key” to: Eureka Springs, Arkansas. In that community doctors, nurses, chiropractors, dentists, carpenters, office workers, and other volunteers are getting together to form a clinic that will be open on a daily basis and free for all.

These above initiatives are the way to take care of each other.

If you are a doctor, or other health-care provider, consider the above proposals in your community. Doctors and lawyers used to be paid with barter or on cash only payments. It may mean a reduction in your income (but also your overhead), but if you are reading this book, you have a bent towards social responsibility anyway. When I needed physical therapy the therapist charged me half of his normal fee and I also have a fine dentist who gives me (and all her patients) very liberal repayment terms.

How can we live as healthy beings in this economy and environment though?

According to US News and World Report, home gardening is the biggest economic winner (so far) during our economic crisis. Grow part of your own food, even if you only have the room for a mini-herb garden on a windowsill; or become part of a community garden. The benefits will grow exponentially when our food is grown as close as possible to the people who consume it. The energy it takes to transfer food and the awful consequences on small farmers from “Free Trade Agreements” is devastating! Tens of thousands of farmers in Mexico have been pushed off of their land by NAFTA as Mexico is forced to purchase corn from the US—Criminal!

Farmers all over the world are being required to buy Monsanto’s “terminator seeds” that don’t reproduce—forcing them to buy new seed every year to plant their crops. There are growing movements all over the world to resist these crimes and farmers are using the offspring of seed they have been using for generations.

South Americans (and indeed some North Americans) are using rainwater that utility companies have prohibited them from doing—incorrectly believing that the rain belongs to them! Rain does not belong to utility companies as much as oil does not belong to oil companies—water and oil are public commons. Penalties are stiff for using your own seed, or rainwater, but humans are banding together and resisting the crimes of the Robber Class.

I visited communities where vacant lots are being taken over by residents and being used to grow food. Neighbors are bonding and coming together by growing food in vacant lots between homes. I heard of one Republican couple and a Lesbian couple that were once openly hostile to each other who became fast friends while cultivating the vacant lot between their houses. This is a movement that we need to support and grow!

A very troubling trend to me that has been going on for some time in poorer communities is the dramatic increase in sales at McDonald's. Although McDonald's has made slight nods to making its food selections a little healthier, the food is still filled with sodium, fat, and other additives that we just do not need in our diets.

McDonald's is convenient and its fat-sodium filled "Happy Meals" even have a little toy in the brightly decorated boxes. Working moms—whose time is stretched thin to the point of snapping—use Mickey D's as a drive-thru time and money saver; but for the health of our children and for the health of our planet, we must reduce our expenditures there. Not only is the food almost totally devoid of any nutritive value, McDonald's, as well as other junk-food outlets, is a prodigious multi-national company that is spreading the American Way of heart disease and stroke all over the planet. Let's reduce our dependence on junk food! Like Wal-Mart, McDonald's is doing well in this Wall Street depression.

Become a vegetarian or cut down dramatically on your meat consumption: the grain we feed our beef cows in America could feed all the starving people in the world, not to mention the rain forest that is being cut down for grazing land. It's good for your health and good for the environment!

If you can't get rid of your car, park it as much as possible. Credit may be the "lifeblood" of the economy, but oil is the arsenic coursing through its veins. Just think about how healthy you will be when you become a walking vegetarian! Since many of us have no health insurance, these changes are not only economical but also very common-sensical.

Public elementary schools were created to build a more egalitarian society. I am now, but have not always been, a big advocate for public education. Education is woefully under-funded as is every other program. We the Robbed need to pull ourselves out of the holes the Robbers dig for us.

Many people will advocate for home schooling, which is a risky endeavor. Many parents aren't qualified to teach and do a bad job of it. The teachers in our schools are qualified to teach, but are so overwhelmed with work, large class sizes and lack of money that an already difficult job becomes even more impossible. I am not speaking theoretically about this—I have taught and have been helping in my children's schools and classrooms for years. I definitely think home schooling can be an option, but only under the right circumstances.

If you are retired, or have a few extra hours a week, volunteer at your local school as an aide, librarian, office support, yard duty, or anything. You will probably have to go through a background check and get a TB test, but what is more important than our children?

If you have a special skill or excel in a subject, host after school enrichment programs in your home (not babysitting—be careful to always have other parents there). The arts have been moved out of our schools to make way for the dreaded NCLB tests. Music, art, cooking, sewing, drama, woodworking, gardening, reading, math tutoring, TRUE history, or whatever—if you don't feel like hosting something like this in your home, volunteer at a local community center or YMCA or YWCA.

If you don't like or don't have the patience to work with children in groups, volunteer to tutor a single child in your best subject. The options and opportunities are limitless. We have already talked about healthy food in the health insurance section, but we did not talk about food insecurity. Donate time, food or money to a local soup kitchen—as the need is growing, resources are shrinking.

Tent cities are unfortunately growing all over the country. In the First Edition of *Myth America*, I suggested that we erect a tent city on the Ellipse in Washington, DC because we should not hide our troubles from the people who caused them. I believe we should put the results of the Robber Class' black hole economics in the face of the Robber Class a la "Hooverilles" or the Bonus Marchers of the early 20th Century.

The vision I had in my First Edition is becoming a reality this coming March 13, 2010. On this date we will be setting up Camp OUT NOW on the lawn of the Washington Memorial and using it as not only a base of operations for Peace of the Action, but also as a Camp for homeless people with services and community building.

Peace of the Action will attempt to force the Robber Class to end its wars by performing daily acts of Civil Disobedience to clog the streets, buildings, and businesses of the Evil Empire until the Robber Class yells, “UNCLE,” and our troops finally start to come home. For more info on Peace of the Action go to: [www.PeaceoftheAction.org](http://www.PeaceoftheAction.org).

As I suggested earlier, if it is possible, remain in your home after foreclosure. Chances are very good that the banksters won’t have a buyer for your home for a good while. If you are at risk of foreclosure, remind yourself that you are most likely in that predicament because of the sub-prime mortgages made possible by mortgage-backed securities, and you are losing your home while Wall Street is getting bailed out for putting you in this mess in the first place.

<http://www.cnn.com/2009/HEALTH/02/12/ep.health.insurance.help/index.html>  
**HOME HEALTHCARE ADVOCACY**

<http://www.uneedpsi.org/CMS400Min/index.aspx>  
**PATIENT SERVICES INC**

<http://www.familywize.com/index.aspx>  
**PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAVINGS PROGRAM**

<http://www.atdn.org/access/pa2.html>  
**HIV/HEPATITIS PROGRAMS**  
<http://www.heartsupportofamerica.org/>  
**HEART SUPPORT OF AMERICA**

<http://www.kidneyfund.org/patient-grants/>  
**AMERICAN KIDNEY FUND**

<http://www.cnn.com/2008/HEALTH/conditions/05/21/ep.cancer.resources/index.html>  
**AFTER CANCER DIAGNOSIS—WHAT NEXT?**

<http://www.eyecareamerica.org/>  
**EYE CARE AMERICA**

<http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/OralHealth/PopularPublications/FindingLowCostDental-Care/>

**FINDING LOW-COST DENTAL CARE**

[http://www.ehow.com/how\\_5526681\\_live-well-stay-healthy.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_5526681_live-well-stay-healthy.html)

**HOW TO LIVE WELL AND STAY HEALTHY**

<http://www.health.com/health/condition-article/0,,20217158,00.html>

**7 WAYS TO CUT THE COST OF QUITTING SMOKING**

[http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/1004722/exercise\\_on\\_a\\_budget\\_nocost\\_low\\_cost.html](http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/1004722/exercise_on_a_budget_nocost_low_cost.html)

**EXERCISE ON A BUDGET**

Legal Aid Foundation to help protect against foreclosures/eviction

<http://www.achievement-resources.com/nclb.html>

**SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

## **CHAPTER EIGHTEEN**

**Myth:** Wedge Issues are Important.

**Reality:** They are used to exploit and divide us.

As I said in ‘Gay Marriage Destroyed My Hetero Marriage,’ the issue of same gender marriage is the wedge issue that is exploited the most by the Robber Class to get their other agendas through.

However, the other convenient aspect of these wedge issues is to drive a wedge between us.

“Pro-life” vs. “Pro-choice;” “Pro-gender equality” vs. “Shameless Bigot;” “Pro-War” vs. “Pro-peace,” etc! We allow the Robber Class to exploit our emotions to hate people who are more like us than we want to admit.

Speaking of the wedge issue of war and peace, once I as in Crawford during our Thanksgiving gathering in 2005 and Time Magazine wanted to do a photo shoot of



me out on the prairie on one of the back roads in Texas.

As the photographer was setting the shot up, a farmer and his grandson drove by us on a tractor and they waved and smiled at us, until they saw who I was—then even the little boy, who was no more than seven, starting screaming at me and showing the ugliest faces you could ever imagine! Faces, that were nice, open and friendly, turned into ones twisted with hatred—with a little bit of fear mixed in. What, or who, were these people afraid of? Me?

Maybe because I have an open-mind and think as long as people aren't hurting each other, they should be free to do whatever they want to do, but the bigotry extended towards people of the same gender who want to get married astonished me.

The battle between “Pro-life” and “Pro-choice” has always been heated, but recently someone who had been inflamed by the far right side of the Rotten Robber Class Media killed an abortion provider IN CHURCH over the summer raising a polarized debate to new heights!

Because of this violence, and threats of violence, abortion providers are becoming a rare-breed and if the tyranny of the few can deny rights to the many, there is something deeply wrong with our system.

## **CHAPTER NINETEEN**

**Myth:** The harsher the better.

**Reality:** Our penal system is designed to increase, not reduce, crime.

Get involved in local prison/jail reform issues—don't try and reform the Robber Class federal prison system.

Work to take back local control over local and state prisons away from the “Prison for Profit,” industries.

Prison reform has to also include overturning “*three-strikes*” laws which are imposed at a state level. Work to decriminalize pot and to end the racist drug wars.

Organizations you can join:

<http://prisonreform.meetup.com/>



## **CHAPTER TWENTY**

**Myth:** The environment, who needs it?

**Reality:** Everyone, even the Robbers.

When the Robbers and their Industrial Complexes are such unrepentant polluters and supporters of dirty energy like fossil fuels, nuclear energy and some bio-fuels, and when they find a solution in “Cap and Trade” (the commodification of the environment), it seems almost impossible to reverse the trend of catastrophic climate change.

We can do our parts though—and there is already quite a movement for conservation, renewable clean energy and green jobs. We need to join these truly grassroots movements and reject the Robber energy systems.

If you live in a single-family home, try to do everything you can to get off the grid and produce your own energy—sometimes there is enough left over to sell back to the power company! Every bit of energy produced is also energy saved and you can do this for those of us who cannot.

If you can’t get off the grid, play games with yourself about how much energy you can save. Participate in *Earth Hour*—not just once a year, but how about once a day? Turn all your energy drainers off for an hour every day (when you normally have things on). Have romantic candlelight dinners, candlelight bedtime stories, or family meetings. Turn off your energy drainers and take the dog for a walk, or go to the corner and get an ice cream (or other treat if you are a vegan). Spend time with people, not devices.

Be creative with public transportation. Every minute you spend on foot, on a bus or subway train saves so much energy. If public transportation or walking is not possible, then do everything you can to get more people in your car on the way to work. Carpooling is not only good for the environment, but it forces you to interact with other people—and not be constantly isolated with your iPod—and you can ride in the HOV lanes, win-win!

Afterword:

## Anarcho-Cindycalism

“Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear.”

– Mark Twain

“Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example.”

– Mark Twain

“Let us live so that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.”

– Mark Twain

People always want to put me in a box: liberal, progressive, socialist, anarchist, revolutionary, feminist, communist, anarcho-syndicalist, atheist, even terrorist.

I will resist putting myself into a box and will resist wrapping other people up and throwing a bow on their packages.

Very few people fit neatly into any one category anyway and once you label or categorize a person, you enforce strict parameters on them. Your perception of them becomes rigid and the chances for healthy dialogue grow vague and the polarization between neighbors increases.

I studied history as a student and never delved too deeply into political or social philosophy. I was a “Mom.” I was a “wife.” I was a “Catholic.” I was a “Democrat.” All these roles I played are mid-defined and set in stone in this nation.

When I first went to Crawford in 2005, and became a well-known anti-war activist, the so-called Right tried to undermine my “Mother-ness.” My positions couldn’t be attacked, so the aspect of my character that made me want to fight for my son’s honor

and for other children was attacked.

What kind of “Mother” would not be hopelessly in love with the President of the USA when her own son died for this “nation, the flag, or freedom?”

What kind of a “Mother” would dishonor her son’s memory by saying the reason he died was for lies and profit? Even when he did die for lies and profit?

What kind of a “Mother” would leave her other three grown children and camp in a ditch? Didn’t I know that my twenty-something children still needed their diapers changed and their boo-boos kissed?

I was attacked for being a bad “Wife.” That may be true, but my divorce had nothing to do with going to Crawford, the separation had occurred months before.

Never mind being a bad Mother and Wife: What kind of a Woman would leave her place and go challenge the most powerful person in the world? And this woman didn’t do it a socially or politically acceptable way—she did it in the way a Mother Lion defending her cub would, and that’s not acceptable in polite company!

Even before I went to Crawford, I was “counter-cultural.”

I was a person who was:

- A Catholic believing that being pro-life meant all life and not just life in the womb?
- A Democrat who believed that Democrats should be held to the same account as Republicans?
- The mother of a War Hero who, from the beginning, called him a “victim?”
- A Capitalist who was always for a more just distribution of wealth—AND—
- An American who always rooted for the “Indian.”

Like all of you, I don’t fit comfortably into any mold, nor should any of us.

If I call myself anything, it is “humanist,” and the only sense I practice is “common.”

It doesn’t take a pundit or political theorist to figure out that we are deeply screwed in this country and the only way out is through this Revolution.

A!Final Word:

## Buy-Buy Myth American Pie

“The roses in the window box  
Have tilted to one side  
Everything about this house  
Was born to grow and die”

– Elton John “Funeral for a Friend” (Love Lies Bleeding)

"I hope we shall crush in its birth the aristocracy of our moneyed corporations which dare already to challenge our government in a trial of strength, and bid defiance to the laws of our country."

– Thomas Jefferson

I find it super-ironic that I am writing the very last words to *Myth America II* on the day that any semblance of the US being “by and for the people” died.

The publication of this book has been delayed by so many urgent events—Obama goes on a \$50,000/week vacation to Martha’s Vineyard while war rages on—Obama escalates troop presence in Afghanistan, not once, not twice, but THREE times—Obama approves expanding military and CIA unmanned aerial vehicle bombings—the Crotch Bomber—bombing Yemen—Obama is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize—Kennedy dies and the Dems lose big time in Massachusetts! I know I am leaving out so many things—like the Obama regime covering up the murder of three detainees in Gitmo and protecting the Bush Administration or fomenting war with Venezuela. Then after the Haitians suffer a devastating earthquake, Obama appoints Bush to lead US relief efforts. He has had quite a busy, busy year that wasn’t so much about CHANGE as it was about tying a cement block around HOPE and drowning it

in the Potomac River.

I have had a busy year, too—because as Obama climbed to new lows of thuggery—I met him there to challenge him (and you). As one of the only people, who from the beginning, criticized the Dalai Bama, I have been shunned, scorned, but also welcomed many places where truth, peace, and justice are still valuable commodities.

Anyway, today was also quite a landmark day in US history—and even though this book is finished—WE MUST add an addendum about this.

No matter what happens tomorrow: If the Bra Bomber finally materializes, or Obama gets caught in a compromising position with Tiger Woods, or if Michelle is caught growing weed in her organic garden: THIS BOOK IS FINISHED—and so might be my country.

We have talked about the scandal of corporate personhood and how one sentence of Supreme Court Chief Justice Waite, before the oral arguments were even heard in 1886 in the case of *The City and County of Santa Clara v. The Southern Pacific Railroad*, changed our history forever:

***"The court does not wish to hear argument on the question whether the provision in the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which forbids a State to deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws, applies to these corporations. We are all of the opinion that it does."***

No law was passed giving corporations rights, not just privileges—no Supreme Court decision gave Goldman Sachs literally millions more votes than me—it was a freaking statement before the hearing ever began! We are losing everything because some old dead white guy flapped his jaws and, voila, the 14th Amendment applied to corporations.

Today, in *Citizens United v. the Federal Election's Commission* the Supreme Court ruled that any cap put on corporations and, presumably unions and other organizations, to spend on campaign ads and other campaign expenses (paid canvassers, etc) violates a corporation's "Freedom of Speech" which has been legally protected for 134 years. Like I pointed out in the Myth that Elections Matter—our system is already rigged in favor of the Robber Class—corporations have NO MOUTHS, how can they have free

speech?

This expansion of “Free Speech” to corporations effectively kills our “Free Speech” when it comes to elections.

Money is what buys influence with our government—that’s all, nothing else. We ain’t got no money—so we ain’t got no influence.

The only tool we have left to us is Revolution as JFK said: *“Those who make peaceful revolution impossible make violent revolution inevitable.”*

I closed Myth I with Revolution by the Beatles, I close Myth II with this song:

### **Muse: *The Uprising***

The paranoia is in bloom, the PR  
The transmissions will resume  
They’ll try to push drugs  
Keep us all dumbed down and hope that  
We will never see the truth around (So  
come on!)

Another promise, another scene, another  
A package not to keep us trapped in greed With all  
the green belts wrapped around our minds And  
endless red tape to keep the truth confined  
(So come on!)

#### **Chorus**

They will not force us They  
will stop degrading us They  
will not control us  
We will be victorious

Interchanging mind control  
Come let the revolution take its toll if you could  
Flick the switch and open your third eye, you’d see that

**We should never be afraid to die**  
(So come on!)

Rise up and take the power back, it's time that  
The fat cats had a heart attack, you know that  
Their time is coming to an end  
We have to unify and watch our flag ascend

**Chorus**

They will not force us They  
will stop degrading us They  
will not control us  
We will be victorious  
Hey... hey... hey... hey!  
(repeat)

**Chorus**

They will not force us They  
will stop degrading us They  
will not control us  
We will be victorious  
Hey... hey... hey... hey!  
(repeat)

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Peace, Resistance and Revolution!  
Cindy in NYC  
January 21, 2010

